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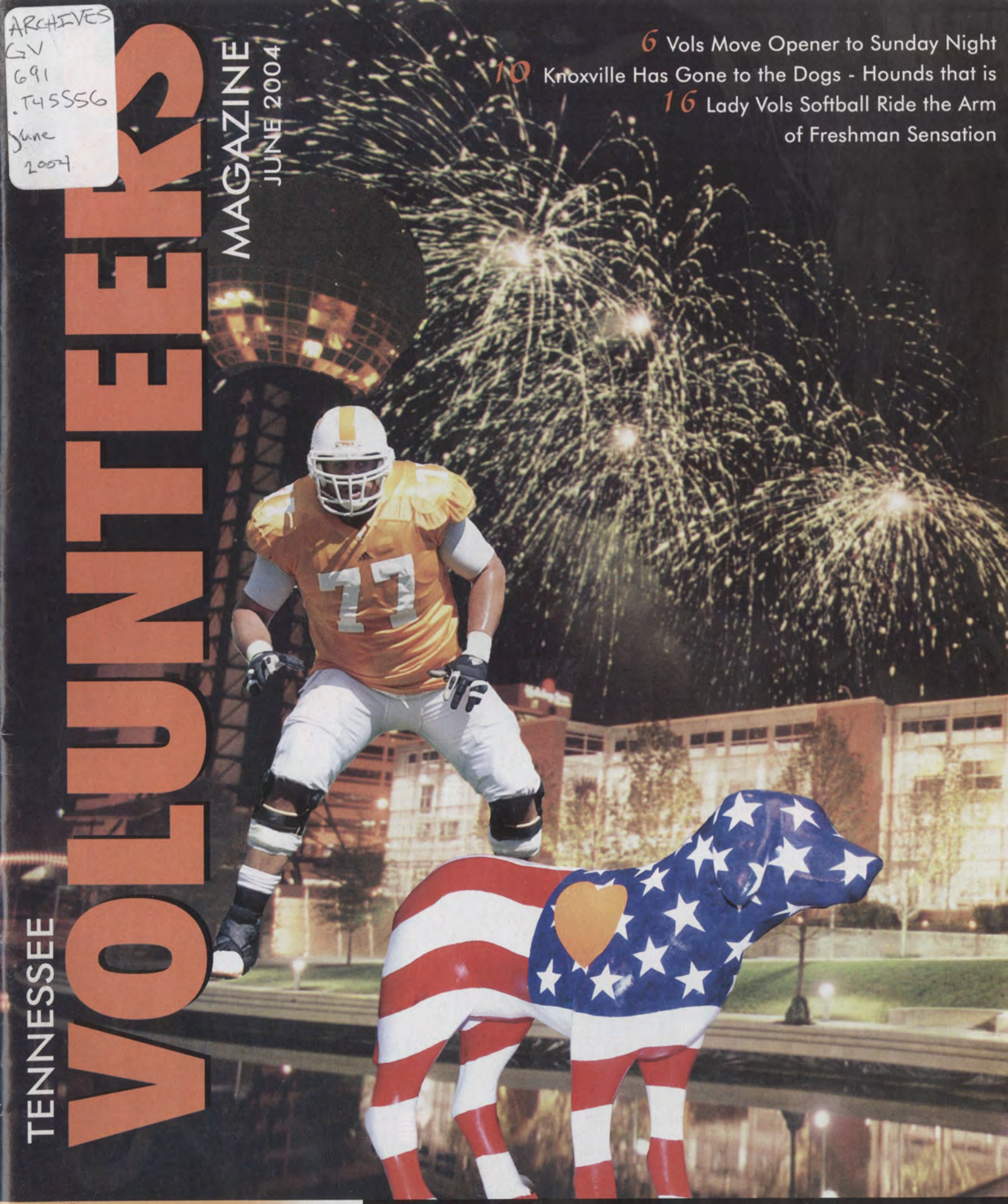

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The school year has come to a close, and our student-athletes have performed well both in sports competitions and in the classroom. Already this year we have won Southeastern Conference titles in women's cross-country, soccer and women's basketball and have finished in the NCAA top 10 in soccer, women's indoor track and basketball. On the men's side, the football team tied for first in the SEC Eastern Division, while the men's track and field team garnered several All-America certificates and an SEC javelin champion in Leigh Smith. Along with their accomplishments on the field, we had 55 student-athletes graduate in May and 209 student-athletes received a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the spring semester.

Labor Day weekend is shaping up to be an exciting weekend in Knoxville. Last month we announced that we are partnering with the city to create a weekend-long celebration. Boomsday will kick the weekend off on Saturday, Sept. 4, with more than 300,000 people expected to attend. On Sunday, Sept. 5 at 8 p.m., we'll kick off the 2004 football season against UNLV before a national audience on ESPN2. This is a great opportunity for our football program to be in the national spotlight as we pay tribute to our football lettermen who will be present at the game. We will also be unveiling 50 "hounds" around town in a joint venture with the city of Knoxville and the Dogwood Arts Festival called "Hounds on the Town." This project, featuring Smokey, will follow the same concept as the bears from "Bearfoot in the City" produced by the Dogwood Arts Festival in 2003. More information on the Labor Day festivities is featured in this month's magazine.

This year's Big Orange Caravan has come to a close, and we are elated at the reception our coaches and staff received in the communities. This year we visited 14 different cities and added five mall visits to allow our coaches the opportunity to meet the fans that fill our stadium and arena each year.

Thank you for your continued support of Tennessee athletics. We're looking forward to great things in 2004.

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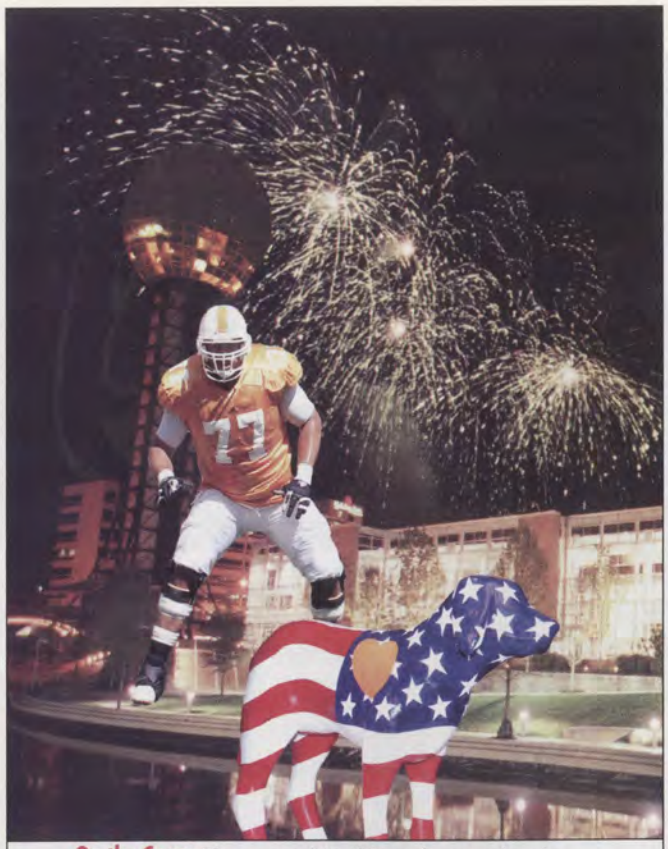

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# Labor Day Weekend Brings Football Season in with a "Bang"

Labor Day weekend is shaping up to be a weekend-long celebration, and the once-described "sleepy little town on the river" will be bulging at the seams Sept. 4 when the city cranks up its annual Boomsday Festival on the banks of the Tennessee River at Volunteer Landing and Sept. 5 when Tennessee and UNLV square off in the season opener at Neyland Stadium.

"Last year's home opener was one of the hottest games in UT history. Many of our fans asked us to explore the idea of playing the season opener later in the day this year," said Mike Hamilton, men's athletic director.

"By changing the schedule, our fans will have cooler temperatures for game time while also having the opportunity to enjoy the Boomsday activities."

Boomsday starts at sundown, and the clash between the Vols and the Runnin' Rebels starts at 8 p.m.

In its 17th year, Star 102.1 Boomsday is the largest single-day event in Tennessee. Activities begin at noon Saturday, Sept. 4, with the fireworks, synchronized to a musical soundtrack, to begin at dusk and broadcast live by WBIR-TV, Channel 10.

"This is a great opportunity for the city of Knoxville and the University of Tennessee to garner national exposure," Knoxville mayor Bill Haslam said. "There's not much that compares to an opening weekend of college football in Knoxville, Tennessee. I don't think anything compares. When you add on Boomsday and that experience, we think we'll have the greatest weekend in the whole country.

"We're going to welcome a lot of people to Knoxville. We think this is exciting news and a great chance to celebrate Knoxville. We look forward to UT fans joining us for the Southeast's largest fireworks display."

Head coach Phillip Fulmer noted that the Vols and Runnin' Rebels would be the only game in town TV-wise and indicated the beneficial impact that would have on the Vols recruiting fortunes.

"We're pleased to have the chance to be on a national stage in prime time, basically uncontested," Fulmer said. "It will be great exposure for us.

"I think we're in for a big weekend. It's up to us to do a great job in playing an outstanding team like UNLV and providing our own fireworks."

The University of Tennessee announced plans earlier this year for a Football Lettermen Reunion Weekend at the UNLV game. More than 300 football players are expected to attend the game. In honor of their football predecessors, current football players will don retro game jerseys from the early 1970s. Those will be the white jerseys with the orange collar that the Vols wore eight times between 1971 and 1973.

"With no NFL or college football games in the Sunday night time slot, this is a great way to honor the tradition of Tennessee football in the national spotlight as we pay tribute to the great players that laid the foundation for our program," said Hamilton.

## THE VOLS ON THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

| Day | Number | Record/Pct. | First | Last |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monday. | 19 | 10-8-1/.553 | Oct. 24, 1892 | Jan. 1, 2000 |
| Tuesday | 9 | 4-5-0/.445 | Nov. 7, 1893 | Dec. 31, 2002 |
| Wednesday | 9 | 3-5-1/.389 | Nov. 2, 1892 | Jan. 1, 1997 |
| Thursday | 48 | 19-19-10/.500 | Nov. 17, 1892 | Jan. 1, 1969 |
| Friday | 15 | 9-6-0/.600 | Oct. 21, 1892 | Jan. 1, 2004 |
| Saturday | 987 | 689-258-40/.719 | Oct. 21, 1891 | Nov. 29, 2004 |
| Sunday | 5 | 2-2-1/.500 | Dec. 3, 1905 | Jan. 2, 2000 |
| TOTAL GAMES | 1092 | 736-303-53 (.698) | | |

***Linebacker Kevin Burnett is one of six Vol captains expected to have an impact on the fortunes of the 2004 Tennessee football team***

## 2004 TV SCHEDULE

(As of May 20, 2004)

| Date | Opponent | Television |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 5 | UNLV | 8 p.m ESPN2 |
| Sept. 18 | Florida | 8 p.m. CBS |
| Sept. 25 | La. Tech | 7 p.m. VideoSeat |

(All times EDT)

## BOOMSDAY FACTS AND FIGURES

WHERE: Neyland Drive, on the riverfront at Volunteer Landing in downtown Knoxville

WHEN: September 4, 2004

START TIME: Sundown

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE: 300,000

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TELEVISION: WBIR, Knoxville

Since 1921, when the stadium opened, first known as Shields-Watkins Stadium, then in 1962 renamed as Neyland Stadium, the Vols have traditionally played on Saturdays, except for nine Thanksgiving Day home games against Kentucky from 1922-38 and a Friday date against Maryville College Oct. 15, 1926.

This year's game will be Tennessee's fifth playing date on a Sunday, sixth when a 1905 game against Grant, now the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, is factored in.

Tennessee's most recent Sunday appearance was a Jan. 2, 2000, matchup against Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl. The Vols also met Wisconsin in the Garden State Bowl, defeating the Badgers Sunday, Dec. 13, 1981, at the Meadowlands.

Two regular-season games also have been played on Sunday. UT defeated Iowa Aug. 30, 1987, in the Kickoff Classic — again at the Meadowlands — and tied Colorado Aug. 26, 1990, at the Pigskin Classic in Anaheim, Calif.

The Vols have played regular season games twice on the road on Thursdays, in the 1991 opener against Louisville (Sept. 5) and in 1996 against Mississippi in Memphis (Oct. 3).

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BILL HASLAM, KNOXVILLE MAYOR

## THE VOLS ON SUNDAY

**Dec. 3, 1905, Grant 5, Tennessee 0, at Chattanooga... Details are a little sketchy on this one, but in a driving rain storm, a former Vol player, who transfered to Grant, named Beene, probably Jones C. Beene, Jr., had a 75-yard run for the game's only score as the Vols went 3-5-1 on the season. The game was the finale of the 1905 season.**

**Dec. 13, 1981, Tennessee 28, Wisconsin 21, at the Meadowlands in the Garden State Bowl... MVP Steve Alatorre threw for 342 yards and Anthony Hancock caught 11 passes for 196 yards, including a 43-yard TD reception, as the Vols won the first meeting ever between the two schools. Willie Gault added a 93-yard kickoff return for a score after the Vols had fallen behind 7-3 in the first quarter.**

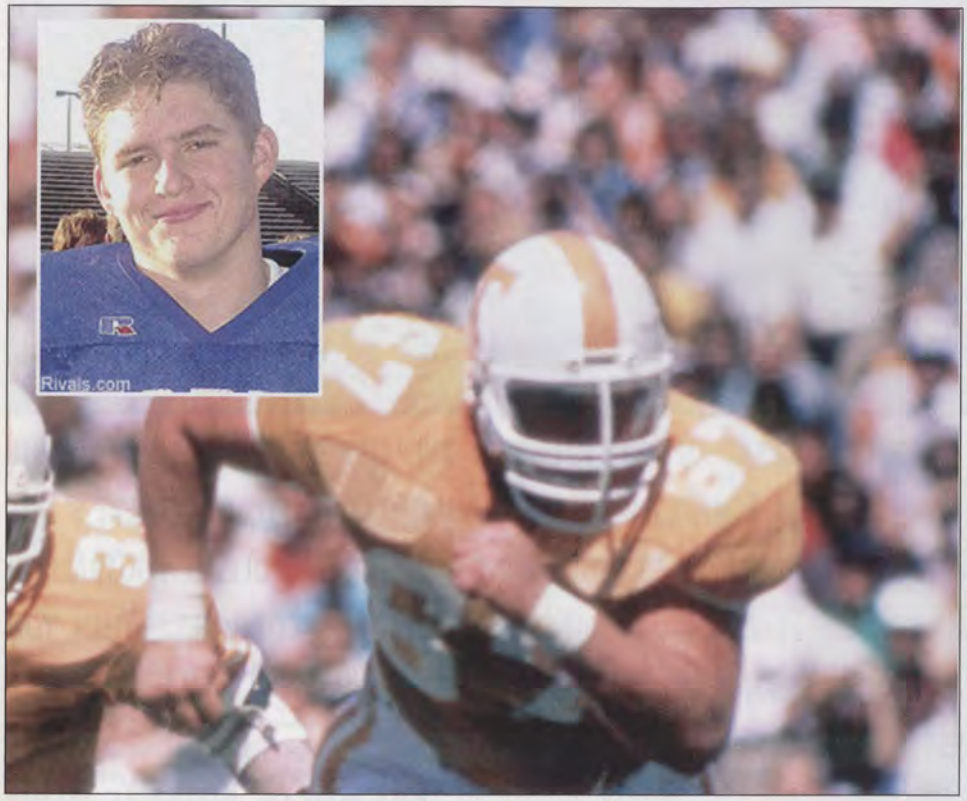
**Aug. 30, 1987, Tennessee 23, Iowa 22, at the Meadowlands in Kickoff Classic V... Placekicker Phil Reich knocked home the game-winner from 20 yards out and immediately earned a scholarship to pace the Vols' third victory in as many tries at the Meadowlands. Freshman tailback Reggie Cobb had an auspicious debut, rushing for 138 yards on 25 carries. Garden State native Darrin Miller had a 96-yard fumble-in-the-air return in the second quarter.**

**Aug. 26, 1990, Tennessee 31, Colorado 31, at Anaheim, Calif., in Disneyland Pigskin Classic I... Tennessee scored 21 fourth quarter points and twice overcame 14-point deficits to earn a tie with eventual national co-champ Colorado. The Vols drove 78, 87 and 74 yards in their last three scoring forays of the day. Carl Pickens had eight catches for 141 yards, while Alvin Harper caught eight more for 115 yards. Andy Kelly threw for 368 yards, completing 33-of-55 passes.**

**Jan. 2, 2000, Nebraska 31, Tennessee 21, at Tempe, Ariz., in the Fiesta Bowl... Tennessee fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter, closed to 17-14 early in the third, but fell victim to two long scoring drives, 96 and 99 yards, by the Cornhuskers in their second consecutive Fiesta Bowl appearance. Travis Henry had one TD for the Vols, while Cedrick Wilson threw a 44-yard TD pass to Donte Stallworth to close the scoring. Stallworth added a 17-yard reception in the second quarter from Tee Martin on his way to 108 yards on eight catches.**

# Fathers and Sons...

# SPANNING THE GENERATIONS




***Cameron (upper left) and Bill Mayo.***

During the Memphis Big Orange Caravan stop, Phillip Fulmer had some interesting comments on the subject of longevity. Not only had he coached the sons of his former teammates, like the Johnson brothers, Neil and Carl, but this fall he will have a new experience: coaching the son of a player he coached back in the 1980s.

We go back to National Signing Day, always a big deal at the University of Tennessee, when former Vol guard Bill Mayo's son, Cameron, inked his name on scholarship papers.

Bill Mayo was an All-America guard, who wore the Orange and White jersey from 1981 -1984. And if his son follows in his footsteps, big things are in store for Cameron.

It continued a growing trend through the years of former Vols sending their sons to carry on the tradition of running through the "T."

"We're glad to get Cameron into the family," said coach Fulmer in early February. "Bill and Lisa are just wonderful people. I'm elated it worked out like it did because he is a very athletic offensive lineman. He's got a good year ahead of him in the weight room. If he does that and does a good job, he'll be a really good player for us. We're glad to have him aboard."

## CRAIG, DUSTIN AND BRITTON COLQUITT

Another family that has donned the orange and white for portions of two generations is the Colquitts. Father Craig and son Dustin have served the Vols well as punters, and son Britton, who signed on in February 2004, is awaiting his chance to showcase his kicking abilities.

Craig led the Vols in punting in 1975-77, averaging 40.3, 42.3 and 45.0 over the course of his career. Dustin did likewise in 2001-03 being an All-America selection in 2003, while averaging 39.6, 43.6 and 45.0 with 21 boots inside the 20 in his first three years as a Vol.

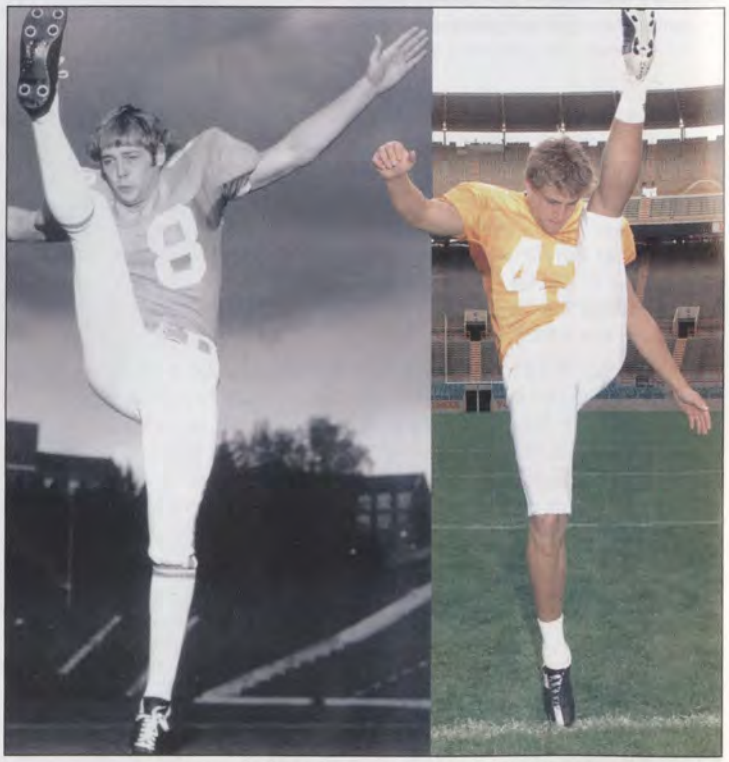
Looking back at Tennessee history, there are a number of second generation Vols who have followed their fathers to fame and fortune in Orange and White, some well known, others lesser known.

## CARL, GREG AND NEIL JOHNSON

Carl played at Tennessee from 1970-72 and is fondly remembered by many Vol fans for his mid-air fumble recovery and TD run that saved the 1971 Kentucky game from going the wrong way. The Wildcats were driving for the winning score at the west end of the old Stoll Field in Lexington before Carl got to Bernie Scruggs and, in one motion, ended up with the pigskin headed the other way. Greg, the "Volunteer who volunteered" for service in Iraq and Kuwait, was a terror on kick coverage during his career and who had a solid and memorable hit on a fourth-quarter kickoff in the 1994 UCLA game. Neil was a tight end who had a key block on a Tee Martin TD run in the 1999 Alabama game.

## RALPH AND STEVE CHANCEY

The senior Chancey came from Cleveland, Tenn., and was co-captain of the 1949 team. He later became an assistant coach at several universities, most notably at Tennessee (1950-63 and 1979-88). The younger Chancey was a multi-talented prep star



***Craig (left) and Dustin Colquitt (right)***

***Keith (left and Steve DeLong (right)***

at South High School in Knoxville and became a tough fullback for the Vols from 1971-73. The devotees of the quick kick will recall Steve's 66-yard boot against South Carolina in 1971 that turned the field over for the Vols and foreshadowed the Vols' 35-6 win that season.

## AL, JAMIE AND MIKE ROTELLA

Father Al lettered for the Vols in 1942 and 1946, with a tenure in World War II thrown in. He was a regular at practice in his later years and was a key factor in helping the Vols recruit in his home state of New Jersey. His sons, Jamie and Mike, followed him in the 1970s, with Jamie being a 1972 All-America and team captain that season.

## TOM AND STEVE ROBINSON

When Steve Robinson, a walk-on from Franklin back in the 1960s, earned recognition as the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Hall of Fame's "Distinguished American" back in 2000, he mentioned his dad, Tom, played at Tennessee as a guard and center from 1923-25. For his part, Steve was a two-year starter at offensive tackle for Doug Dickey and Bill Battle on teams that compiled a 21-3 record in 1969-70, won the SEC in 1969 and was 11-1 in 1970.

## NORB AND BERT ACKERMANN

The senior Ackermann was captain of the 1940 team and was recognized at the Marshall game this past season as one of only six representatives left from the 11-0 1938 team. The younger Ackermann played at Tennessee in the 1960s and went on from Tennessee to be a longtime SEC football official, one of the subjects of a Barry Rice-produced video called "Stripes."

## BOBBY AND BENSON SCOTT

Bobby was a quarterback who did nothing but win in 1969 and 1970, leading the Vols to the SEC title in 1969 and an 11-1 record and No. 4 national ranking in 1970. Benson was a placekick holder in the mid-90s.

## JACK STROUD, SR. AND JR.

The elder Stroud was part of the resurgence of Vol football in the late 1940s and early 1950s and went on to a distinguished pro career. He was captain of the 1950 team. The younger Stroud was a 1970 Vol freshman who died while undergoing surgery that December.

## STEVE AND KEITH DELONG

The DeLongs are the only father and son All-America combo in Tennessee history. Steve was a two-time All-America in 1963-64 and won the Outland Trophy. Twenty-four years later, Keith was an All-America linebacker for the Vols and ended up with the San Francisco 49ers. Both were Vol captains their senior seasons. You can add to the DeLong legend by considering Steve's brother Ken, a two-time All-SEC selection in 1968 and 1969 and an alternate captain of the 1969 squad.

## JIM AND JEREMY BATES

Jim was a linebacker in 1966-68. His son, Jeremy, was on the squad in 1995 and ended up at Rice. There were also other family combinations that deserve mention. Sam and Will Bartholomew were a grandfather and grandson pair that served the Vols well. Sam played from 1937-39 and was a two-time Jacobs Trophy winner. Will came along in 1999 and was a bull-in-a-china-shop type fullback as well as a devastating blocker.

The Vols have also had a few prominent coach and son combinations. There were Bob Neyland and Bob Neyland, Jr. and Jim and Jim McDonald.

"Big Jim" was head coach in 1963 and his son was a defensive end 1966-68. There were also Doug and Daryl Dickey. Daryl led the Vols to the SEC title and Sugar Bowl win over Miami the first year his dad was back in Knoxville as AD.

There is at least one father-in-law/son-in-law combination, that of Morristown's E.K. Christmas and Bob Davis.

There were fathers who went to one school and the son ended up at Tennessee, e.g., Bobby North (Georgia Tech) and Lee North, Tom Surlas (Alabama) and J.J. Surlas, Archie Manning (Mississippi) and Peyton Manning and Anthony Munoz (Southern Cal) and son Michael. In reverse were Ted Daffer (Tennessee) and Bobby Daffer (Georgia Tech).

There were other fathers and sons who played in different sports at UT. For example, there were Joe Thompson (football) and son Kevin Thompson (track) and Herbert Artie Neff (football) and Herbert P. Neff (basketball) donning the Orange and White.

Why aren't there more father-and-son combinations? Resident historian Haywood Harris placed the reason on the immutable laws of genetics and chance.

by Tom Mattingly

# HOUNDS ON THE TOWN...

# City has gone to the DOGS

The University of Tennessee has gone to the dogs.

At one time, the phrase was meant to put things in a poor light. But things are about to change the image of the old expression.

Last month, the University of Tennessee in cooperation with the city of Knoxville and the Dogwood Arts Festival, presented a unique project called "Hounds on the Town" to follow in the footsteps of the successful "Bearfoot in the City," which raised money for the Knox County Schools for the arts education program.

"It was because of the University of Tennessee and Mike Hamilton's vision and thinking outside of the box that we are able to take on this new endeavor and bring as many colorful canines to downtown Knoxville as we possibly can," said Ed Pasley, executive director of the Dogwood Arts Festival.

In the previous campaign, 34 larger-than-life bears were placed around the city, of which five are still in place today. There is one, "Ambassabear," still on display in Mororan, Japan, Knoxville's sister city. There were also 38 tabletop bears painted by local high school, middle school and special needs children.

The cooperative project made headlines across the country, as media from Atlanta, Baton Rouge, La., Lexington, Ky., and Denver, Colo., ran stories on "Bearfoot in the City." An article also appeared in Southern Living.

The hounds will hit the street in September, in conjunction with the first home football game. In April 2005, both the large and small hounds will have a special recognition ceremony, and then on May 15, 2005, the small hounds will be auctioned, with the proceeds going to benefit arts education programs in the Knox County School System.

In September 2005, the large hounds will be collected, taken in for grooming, and then auctioned. The proceeds of the larger hound dogs will benefit the Dogwood Arts Festival and scholarships for Tennessee athletics.

"The beginning date of 'Hounds on the Town' could not come at a better time," Mike Hamilton, men's athletic director said. "The first weekend in September we kick off a four-game home stand that includes not only the opening game of the season, but Florida, Auburn and our homecoming game. What a great way for school spirit to be dispersed throughout Knoxville."

**"'HOUNDS ON THE TOWN' IS A CREATIVE AND FUN WAY TO SHOWCASE THE ARTISTIC TALENT WE ENJOY LOCALLY AND BENEFIT SOME GREAT CAUSES. THE COMBINATION OF TENNESSEE ATHLETICS, THE DOGWOOD ARTS FESTIVAL AND OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS IS A TEAM THAT CAN'T BE BEAT."**

**BILL HASLAM**
**KNOXVILLE MAYOR**

This year, as the hounds are being modeled after the famed and beloved Smokey, a true hint of orange will have a hand in painting several of the sculptured hounds as football coach Phillip Fulmer and men's basketball coach Buzz Peterson will be painting their own hounds .

"I have commissioned my wife and three daughters to help with this project," Fulmer said. "We are looking forward to it. It is certainly a great compliment for all concerned to come together as a community and do something that is so special. I know we were big fans of the bears around the city, and I know this will be as great if not greater of an effort on everybody's part."

Peterson agreed with the comments of his coaching colleague.

"I know my daughters and my son, along with my wife are very excited about this opportunity," he said. "It is going to be interesting to take on this project. But like Coach Fulmer and Mike said, anything we can do to give back to the community, I think that is very important in college athletics. We are excited about this opportunity, and we hope to not make too big of a mess."

"After a popular campaign with the bears and knowing how close to the hearts of East Tennesseans the bluetick coonhound is, we're even more excited about seeing the creative hound concepts hit the streets of

***"The first dog to be painted was the All-America bluetick coonhound with an orange heart as portrayed by local artist Jim Gray," Pasley said. "It represents the kind of community cooperation that brings so much sparkle in the way of a public art project."***

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Knoxville in September," Pasley said.

Many of the smaller hounds will be put on display at local area Knox County schools and Knox County and Knoxville public facilities.

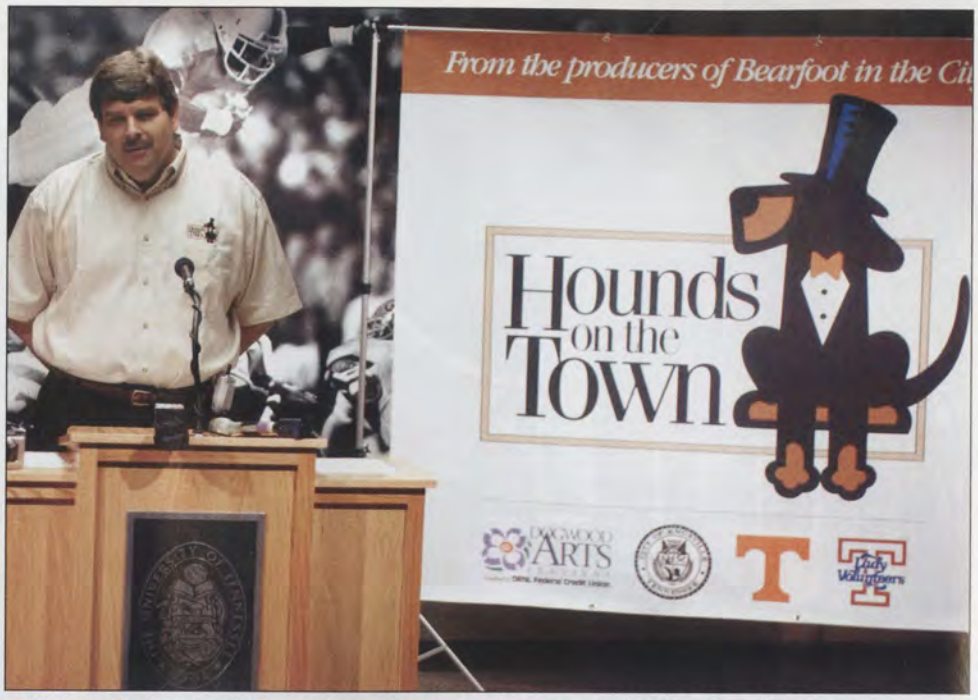
The goal for "Hounds on the Town" is to surpass the $17,500 raised through the "Bearfoot in the City" project.

Local artists are being commissioned to paint the hounds as part of this event. "Bearfoot in the City" contributed $75,000 to local artists, and there is the hope that this campaign will go even higher.

One well-known Knoxville artist, Jim Gray, donated his proceeds to the arts education scholarship fund. Gray, now 71, is well-known for his artistic paintings and his successful art galleries around the Knoxville area. Gray was asked to paint the first hound for "Hounds on the Town," which was done in a patriotic theme with an orange heart.

"When they asked me to paint the first dog, I wasn't sure what theme I was going to go with," Gray said. "I decided with this being a bluetick hound that blue fit into the scheme, and using the colors of the flag made it a safe scheme to use. And then of course because this dog is native to Tennessee, it made sense to paint the heart orange."

"On behalf of Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam and the citizens of Knoxville, we are very, very proud to have been asked to participate in the street animal project again," said Mickey Mallonee, director of special events for the city of Knoxville. "We had wonderful success with "Bearfoot in the City" when we did the bears, and we are anxious to get going on this one. Partnering of the city and Boomsday and the University is just great. Because of that, we think we have an entire package now for that weekend. We think the tourism package that this presents is absolutely wonderful. We think Knoxville has one of the most unique, artistic communities in the Southeast region. And this gives us a chance to show off our artists, and it shows off our city in a grand bang way."

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Hamilton reiterated his excitement for this event.

"Best of all, it truly is a great opportunity for the Tennessee athletic department to give back to the community of Knoxville. Having Smokey as the model for this campaign makes sense - as the canine has its origins in the state of Tennessee, is the official mascot of the University of Tennessee and, at the same time, coincides with the 50th anniversary of Smokey as the official mascot," Hamilton said.

With the unveiling of the hounds set for the weekend of Sept. 5, there will be lots of excitement for the city of Knoxville, the University of Tennessee and fans of the Big Orange. The weekend is also a throwback to yesteryear as the Vols will don special jerseys to be worn for this game only. This should prove to be one weekend that "has gone to the dogs."

by Donnell Field

***Coach Fulmer and Peterson will participate in painting the hounds which will be displayed in Knoxville area Proffitt's stores***

# Behind THE BYLINE

## JOSH PATE MOVES ON

There are times a personal observation is necessary for the young man behind the name. There are times in life it is necessary to toss the garlands when the recipient is there to receive them. This is one of them.

"Life is a series of experience," Henry Ford once said, "each of which makes us bigger even though it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and griefs which we endure help us in our marching onward."

For many of you, the name "Josh Pate" might be merely a byline on a story in this magazine, but for those of us who worked with him, he is a genuine inspiration. His work was top-drawer in every respect. During his time on campus, Josh has overcome the odds and served as an outsanding staff writer. He now has two degrees from the University of Tennessee and a wedding scheduled for this November. For Josh, life is good.

Despite life handing him a body blow or two, notably a case of cerebral palsy that has him on crutches, Josh has risen above his circumstances and left all of us who worked with him feeling better about the human condition. He's taught us a few things about perseverance and excellence. More than that, he's been a trusted friend and colleague.

It's really been amazing over the last few months watching him work his magic on a computer keyboard or on the phone with any number of interview subjects. Nothing seemed to get him down despite facing a deadline with a source not calling back.

All the usual adjectives seem to apply where Josh is concerned: steady, hard-working, loyal, pleasant, thoughtful, and considerate, just to name a few.

If you want to find a misplaced comma in a story or some instance of literary overkill you might have missed, Josh is your man. If you write a good story, Josh is always there to tell you. If you're going in the wrong direction, he'll also point that out.

You can give him an assignment and it will come back to you with little or no editing needed. Give him some copy and it will come back with a sparkle, some pizzazz, you might not have thought about or expected. It always came back better.

I can say without hesitation that we never exchanged a cross word, maybe an occasional disagreement, but never anything that we would regret later. A number of good people have passed through these pages, all of whom have shared the stories of Tennessee with you.

A lady named Norma Hill penned these words that apply in this situation: "Sometimes adversity impels a person to greater heights, and sometimes it provides the opportunity for that person to be a blessing in the lives of others."

For those of us who have known Josh and have been influenced for the better by his example, both sides of the equation are applicable. T

by Tom Mattingly

# LADY VOL SOFTBALL...

## ABBOTT MAKING LOTS OF NOISE - FRESHMAN PITCHER LED NATION IN STRIKE-OUTS, WINS

Sitting in the stands, you hear one sound above all others.

You hear the on-field chant belt out "BIG HIT" before 20 other players echo the command. "LITTLE HIT ... little hit." You hear the voice above all yodeling, rhyming and thoughtful phrases that come from the third-base dugout and dance through the air to your ears during Tennessee's at-bat. Your eyes scan the profile of Lady Vols lined up at attention along the dugout's edge. One by one, you eliminate the carol-leading suspects until your eyes are fixed on Monica Abbott, visor-covered head and spring-loaded shoulders above everyone, laughing and slapping hands with teammates before taking a deep breath to lead yet another roar.

"She loves making up and leading the cheers," co-head softball coach Karen Weekly says about the Lady Vols freshman pitcher.

When she's not pitching, she's the first one you'll see out of the dugout each inning to greet the players jogging off the field, and she's the last one to make the routine runs to the left-field wall, something all players not in the game do between innings. She's last because she has to give Stacey Jennings, who's pitching in her place, a jumping high-five after the team huddle.

But you won't see her in the dugout much, because Abbott is usually in the pitching circle. "She wants the ball all the time," Weekly says.

And she's getting it.

Abbott is the Lady Vols' Randy Johnson, Roger Clemens, Pedro Martinez and Curt Schilling wrapped into one. Make that one arm.

Her 6-foot-3 presence in the circle is an advantage that can only be measured in strikes. She's constantly dusting off the pitching area. She marks her territory with a circling walk that ends on the pitching rubber, where she scuffs it a few good times with a cleat – a clean pallet is a must for all artists. "Lots of times, I don't hear anything," she says, noting that her thoughts are louder than the crowd and team chatter combined.

A silent glance to the catcher determines whether it will be her 70-mile-per-hour fastball, an off-speed pitch or one of five others from which she can choose. And when she spreads her wings, her industrial-fan delivery is a 7-foot high blur that lifts her toes off the dirt and peaks by exploding an optic yellow cannonball at the catcher.

The difference between Abbott and any other softball pitcher is she's rewriting history as an 18-year-old.

The overpowering left-hander tied the NCAA single-season mark of 42 victories with a win against Appalachian State. She broke the record with her 43rd win that weekend in the Southeastern Conference tournament, a one-hit, 1-0 victory against Alabama.

She entered the NCAA regional with a 43-8 record and a 0.99 ERA in 334 innings. She was SEC Freshman of the Year and SEC Pitcher of the Year. Her strikeout total stood at 552 after the conference tournament, tops in the nation and third all-time among NCAA pitchers for a single season. In 44 starts, she had 42 complete games, 22 shutouts and four saves. She led the nation in victories, complete games, shutouts, strikeouts and double-digit strikeout games. Additionally, she led the league with four no-hitters – one was her first collegiate start and another was a perfect game two days later.

"A pitcher can have a big impact on a team, probably more than any other sport," Weekly says. "I think it's been a surprise how well she's handled herself by throwing the number of innings she's thrown and responding to the pressure. One, she's a freshman. Two, she's had a huge spotlight on her all season long."

Tennessee stood at 53-14 after the SEC tournament and was crowned regular-season SEC Eastern Division champion. UT was ranked in the top 25 every week of the season and stood 10th at regular season's end. Attendance topped the 6,000 mark on the season with an average of 343 fans as the sport's local popularity has increased.

"It's neat the way the community and everybody in Knoxville talks about Monica, and she's handled that tremendously well," Weekly says. "It doesn't go to her head, and she doesn't let that kind of pressure get to her. She goes out there every day focused on doing her job."

She took center stage the day she chose to leave Southern California. Abbott averaged more than 300 strikeouts each year at North

*"THE TOUGHEST ADJUSTMENT FOR HER HAS BEEN NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER FRESHMAN PITCHER - YOU CAN'T THROW THE BALL DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE PLATE. EVERY TEAM WE PLAY, (THE PLAYERS) WERE THE BEST PLAYERS OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS, AND THEY ARE GOING TO JUMP ON YOUR MISTAKES. WHEN YOU THROW THE BALL THAT HARD AND HAVE THE PHYSICAL ABILITY SHE HAS, IT'S EASY TO FORGET HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PUT THE BALL IN A CERTAIN SPOT."*

**Karen Weekly**
**Co-Head Coach Softball**

***A batter's eye view of pitcher Monica Abbott.***

Salinas High School, won three Central Coast Section Division I titles and earned more awards than her left arm could carry. But goodbye UCLA. So long Arizona. No thanks Stanford or Cal. Abbott brushed off the perennial champions from the West Coast to begin a legacy of her own. "Everything seemed to fit for what I needed," she says of Tennessee.

But she's still a freshman.

"The toughest adjustment for her has been no different than any other freshman pitcher – you can't throw the ball down the middle of the plate," Weekly says. "Every team we play, (the players) were the best players on their high school teams, and they're going to jump on your mistakes. When you throw that hard and have the physical ability she has, it's easy to forget how important it is to put the ball in a certain spot."

But Abbott knows what spot she wants to hit each time her arm completes the windmill motion. You can hear the pop of the catcher's mitt echo off the aluminum seats at Tyson Park, and it's followed with an umpire's bark and applause from the bleachers.

It's the sound of a strikeout.

by Josh Pate

## NCAA REGIONAL RESULTS

| Score by Innings | | | | R | H | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tennessee | 000 | 104 | 0 - | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| Illinois-Chicago | 001 | 014 | X - | 6 | 9 | 0 |

E - Durant(7); Abbott(5). LOB - Lady Vols 6; Flames 6. 2B - Mattox(15). HBP - A. Rhinehart. SH - Durant(9); Cathey. SB - Cline(2). CS - Chiles(3). Win - Barclay (9-6). Loss - Abbott (44-10). Save - Aguilar (1). WP - Jennings(10); McIntyre 3. HBP - by Barclay (A. Rhinehart). PB - Mattox(8); Jacoby. Start: 11:59 pm Time: 2:09 Attendance: 120. Game notes: Lady Vols eliminated from NCAA Regional No. 6. Flames overcome 5-2 deficit with four runs in the sixth. McIntyre faced 2 batters in the 6th.

| Score by Innings | | | | R | H | E |
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| Tennessee | 300 | 100 | 0 - | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| DePaul | 000 | 000 | 0 - | 0 | 2 | 2 |

E - Roberson; Bandauski. LOB - Lady Vols 6; Blue Demons 3. 2B - A. Rhinehart(11); Douglas, C.. HR - Brewer(8). HBP - Brewer. SH - Durant(8). SF - Fishback(2). CS - Schutzler(8).

Win - Abbott (45-9). Loss - Martz (24-16). Save - None. HBP - by Martz (Brewer). Start: 7:05 pm Time: 1:53 Attendance: 445. Game notes: Tennessee stays alive with 4-0 shutout of DePaul. Abbott's 24th solo shutout of the campaign, 13th two-hitter of the year.

| Score by Innings | | | | R | H | E |
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| Oregon State | 002 | 000 | 2 - | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Tennessee | 000 | 000 | 0 - | 0 | 3 | 1 |

E - Mendoza; Abbott(4). DP - Beavers 2. LOB - Beavers 8; Lady Vols 2. HBP - Alo. SH - Longfellow. SF - McGowan. SB - Alo; Longfellow. CS - Johnson. Win - Hoffman (21-16). Loss - Abbott (44-9). Save - None. WP - Abbott(9). HBP - by Abbott (Alo). Start: 12:30 pm Time: 1:53 Attendance: 444. Game notes: Game 7 of NCAA Regional No. 6 delayed for a total of 24 hours on May 21. Picked up with two out in the top of the 6th on May 22.

| Score by Innings | | | R | H | E |
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| Illinois-Chicago | 000 | 00 - | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Tennessee | 200 | 8X - | 10 | 11 | 0 |

LOB - Flames 6; Lady Vols 5. 2B - Durant(12). HBP - Cathey; Brewer. SH - Fishback(4). SB - Schutzler(16); Durant(2). Win - Abbott (44-8). Loss - Aguilar (15-8). Save - None. WP - Creese(3). HBP - by Aguilar (Brewer); by Abbott (Cathey). BK - Creese(1). Start: 12:30 pm Time: 1:30. Game notes: Lady Vol Monica Abbott breaks NCAA record for strikeouts by a freshman. Abbott's 23rd solo shutout, 12th two-hitter.

# A MAN OF FAITH LEADS THE VOLS

# James Mitchell

The Rev. James (Mitch) Mitchell, the Tennessee football team chaplain, had talked to his charges at length about the nature of spiritual warfare, but there was nothing like a dose of the real thing to get their attention.

No one really saw what happened, except Mitchell and a few others, but the lesson was brought home in decisive fashion last November before the Vols upset Miami 10-6 at the Orange Bowl.

"About the second or third game last year, I had challenged a couple of guys to go straight to the field and pray before the game, home or away," Mitchell said. "It started out with about four or five. Then, all of a sudden, it grew to 15 or 20.

"At the Miami game, the fans were already, can we say, indulged into the spirits. Our guys were trying to pray and those guys in the stands were cussing, yelling and screaming at them. I'm over there chuckling. As they walked off the field, I said, 'Guys what do you think?'

When no answer was immediately forthcoming, Mitchell was ready.

"I told them that was a great example of spiritual warfare. That was a great challenge for them, not to move to the other end zone, but to stay right there and be committed to what they were doing.

"That's the way the game went. They didn't back up. They finished it. It was a great learning experience. That incident was probably the main event of the year for us. By far."

A native of Hickory, Miss., eight miles west of Meridian, "with 500 people and no stoplights," Mitchell came to the Vol program in July 2003.

He coached at Central Arkansas, Arkansas, Southwest Baptist University (twice), Savannah State (Ga.) College, Arkansas Pine Bluff (starting over in a program under the NCAA death penalty) and Tennessee State before concluding his coaching career.

He worked with the FCA with high school athletes and was with the Titans as a chaplain before and after their move to Tennessee. He was in Bothell, Wash., across the water from Seattle, with Pro Athletes Outreach, working with major league baseball, the NFL and coaches, as national director of outreach when the call came.

"Coach Fulmer called about 10 months ago and said they wanted to create a position of chaplain. He asked if my wife and I would be interested," Mitchell said. "We flew down and visited. My wife's from Arkansas and I'm from Mississippi. It was an opportunity to get back and get some sweet tea and grits."

He is a protégé of the legendary former Vol

***Rev. Mitchell giving the invocation at the East Tennessee College Hall of Fame luncheon this past April.***

strength coach John Stucky, even though the two are far apart in their temperament. Stucky was low-key and quietly effective, while Mitchell is high energy ("spontaneous with a smile" according to his Web site) yet equally efficient.

"I know Coach Stucky," he said. "When I coached college football, I used Coach Stucky's weight program from his time at Arkansas. That's where we developed a relationship.

"When I came here to speak, he was the spiritual backbone of this program, the one who got it started. He was in and out with the players every day. He had a lot to do with what was going on around here spiritually."

He received very simple marching orders when he arrived in Knoxville.

"I try to develop relationships with the players and minister to that aspect," he said. "Everybody's not ready for a Bible study. This manifests itself by my being here, being at practice, being in the weight room and having an office here. I'm everywhere. I find them if I need to or they find me.

"It takes time to build trust. Having the players know you're going to be here every day makes a difference. The players have my cell phone and my home number. I'm available 24-7 for whatever comes up."

He leaves the game motivation to the coaches, choosing instead to emphasize the things of the spirit in his Friday night chapel sessions.

"I deal strictly in the spiritual aspect, asking them to look at their life, considering that football happens to be one avenue, one part of it. Football and life go hand-in-hand, with ups and downs, consistency, dedication, and discipline. That's life. Chapel is time for spiritual awakening. The motivation to win a game is not my job. I don't want that pressure."

He means it, saying later that he didn't consider his work in the Neyland-Thompson Center a job.

"When this becomes a job, it's time for me to leave," he said. "This is the best position God could have created for me. I love coaching, I love coaches and I love young men. I'm in a position to make an impact. I couldn't have planned anything any better. It's probably the easiest adjustment for my family of anywhere we've moved."

There's one story that particularly moved Mitchell, that seems to give him perspective.

"I had a player come to my office who was dressed up," he said. "He and I had had some discussions before season started. I asked him why he was dressed up.

"He told me I came to present himself. I want Christ in my heart and I want to present myself at my best. We knelt and he made a commitment. That's the most unique thing I've ever been around. That tells you the sincerity of a guy's heart and a drastic change in his lifestyle. It's about common sense, what's right and what's wrong."

Mitchell lives in Karns and attends Faith Promise Church. His wife, Valerie, is a registered nurse, delivering babies at St. Mary's Hospital.

"When I was at Arkansas, I met Valerie in September, when she was an Arkansas Belle," Mitch recalled. "We were engaged in December and were married in May."

That was 17 years ago -- May 23, 1987. They have three children, 14, 13 and 10, a gymnast, cheerleader and soccer player, named Andrea, Ashley and Asyia, respectively.

His collegiate pedigree includes a degree from Central Arkansas. Mitchell was a junior back in 1981 when a freshman came onto the scene named Scottie Pippen. "I didn't know he was headed toward great things initially," Mitchell said, "but it came about very fast. You could tell something great was going to happen. He dominated that league. He was a great player."

There was one other introduction to life in Knoxville that got Mitchell's attention. "The first Friday I was here, I went to visit my daughter's elementary school. Every child had on orange and white. I thought, 'What have I gotten myself into?'

"There's no greater tradition than this one," Mitchell said. "What a platform for the guys and for myself, a platform to reach a unique group of people."

Mitchell brings a great deal of character and humor to his position as Tennessee's spiritual leader, but the humor always belies a serious message.

Beneath all of it, however, he's a motivator, a leader, a winner.

by Tom Mattingly

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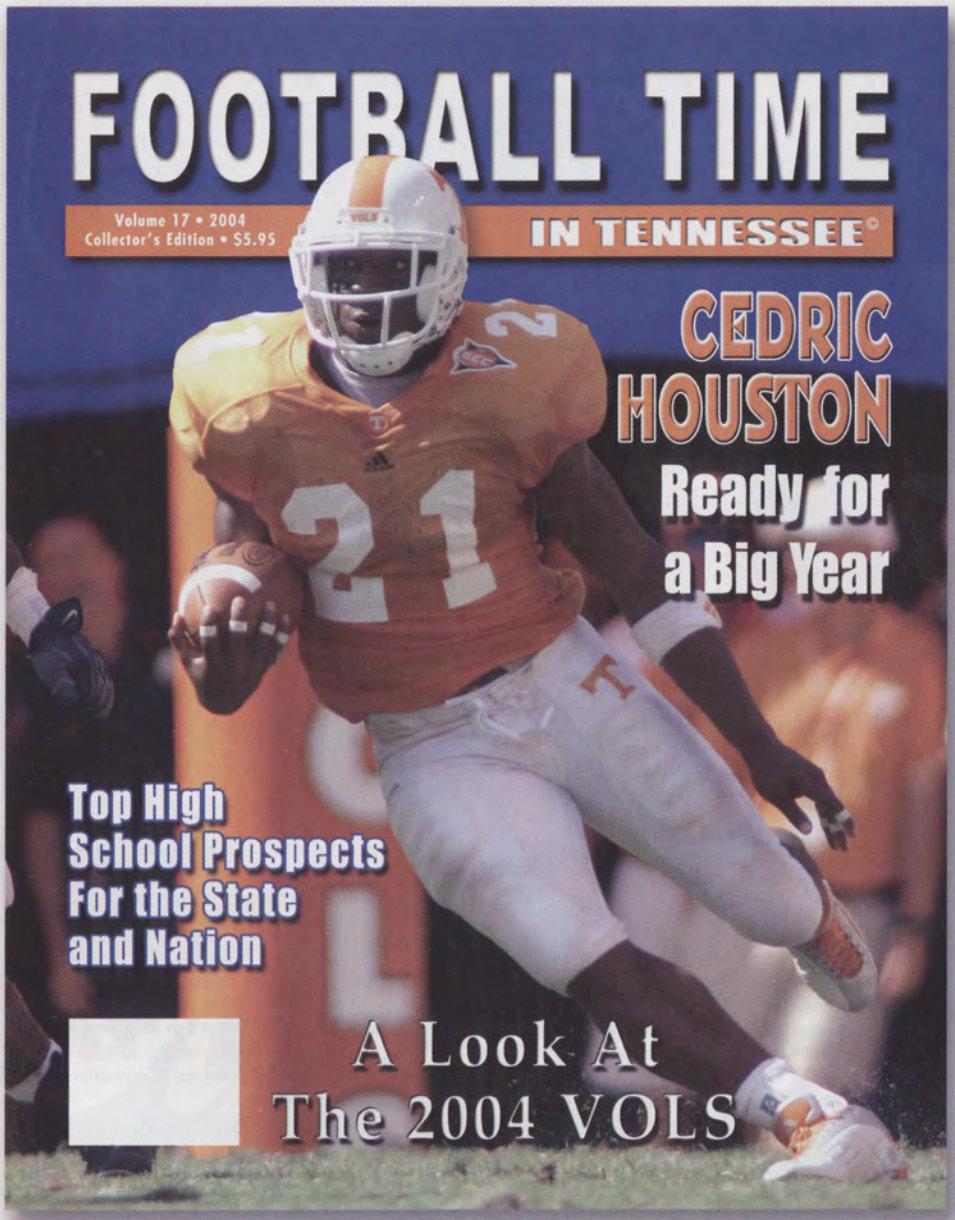


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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?...
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## *Sheepskin*

The anthems will play, the athletes will march and for three weeks Athens will transform into Mount Olympus as all eyes of the world turn to see the torch shed light on the 2004 Olympic Games. This time, even Joetta Clark Diggs' eyes will be watching.

For the first time in 16 years, Clark Diggs, who was the trailblazer for middle-distance runners and veteran of an Olympic family, won't be lining up in the red, white and blue.

"I didn't get a gold medal in the Olympics," Clark Diggs says, "but I've gotten a gold medal in life. And I've succeeded in life because of what I learned at Tennessee."

Clark Diggs, who ran at Tennessee from 1981-84, is a four-time Olympian, competing in the 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000 Games. It was 2000 when she, her younger sister, Hazel Clark, and her sister-in-law, Jearl Miles-Clark, swept the top three spots in the 800-meters at the Olympic Trials with brother J.J. Clark looking on as coach. Clark Diggs' third-place finish in 2000 was by one-hundredth of a second (.01). She went on to serve as the U.S. women's team captain for the Games.

"I made my first Olympic team in 1988 by four-hundredths of a second (.04)," she says. "I made my last Olympic team by one-hundredth of a second. So you could say I came in with a bang and went out with a bang."

Her other accomplishments are more like a dynamite blast – she's a six-time U.S. indoor champion, five-time U.S. champion, four-time NCAA champion and two-time world indoors bronze medalist. Clark Diggs is a 1986 Olympic Festival champion, 1980 Pan-American gold medalist and 1980 USA Junior champion. Before her collegiate days, she went undefeated at Columbia High School in New Jersey.

Considering her America's most successful middle-distance runner, as many do, is quite appropriate.

Clark Diggs signed late with Tennessee in 1981 but knew it was worth her wait. Terry Crawford was the women's coach, and she had already signed a host of runners who would go on to hold school records. Clark Diggs was sold on the program, and she was equally impressed by the school's commitment to women's athletics.

"It was a different experience seeing women in charge and in administrative roles, and Tennessee had that in coaches and an athletic director," she says. "People like Joan Cronan and Donna Thomas provided great support for the student-athletes. That's something I will never forget."

Clark Diggs set quite the standard in an orange and white uniform. Running in the middle distance events and relays, she won four NCAA titles and five Southeastern Conference titles, including relay events.

While a Lady Vol, she set school records in the indoor 1,000-yard run (2:26.70), the outdoor 4x400 relay, the 4x800 relay and the distance medley relay. She set a Sea Ray Relays record in the 800, and she etched a Penn Relays record in the 4x800 – the longest-standing record (20 years) at the illustrious meet, although it was recently challenged by this year's Lady Vols quartet. In fact, there has been a chase going on to catch her marks recently. Leading the charge is the current edition of the Lady Vols track and field team, headed by her brother, J.J. In just his second year as head coach at Tennessee, his troops are edging closer to records that have stood for two decades.

"When I used to watch Joetta run, it was important to me then," J.J. says. "But it definitely has meaning now that she was a big part of Tennessee and I'm coaching Tennessee. I told her she's going to get all her records erased on the board. We've got a ways to go still, but we're working on it."

"We joke about it," Clark Diggs says. "But I'm a realistic person. Records are made to be broken. It's good we put the marks out there for them to reach. And if we're the standard, I guess that's a good thing.

Records and victories were nice, but school was still a priority – and sometimes a rocky road – for Clark Diggs, whose father is Joe Clark, former principal of New Jersey's Eastside High School and subject of the movie "Lean On Me."

"I wasn't an 'A' student – I struggled," Clark Diggs says. "But I had a support system behind me, and I received my degree (in journalism). Competing at Tennessee showed me that women could succeed at all things, whether it's sports or not."

Clark Diggs' time after Tennessee has proven as much.

She's the operator of her own business in New Jersey called Joetta Sports and Beyond and delivers motivational seminars to athletic programs and business organizations. High school students can learn from her speech "Consequences are real. Are you ready?" College graduates can stay focused from "How to accomplish your goals." And corporations can be revived by "Success is failure turned inside out." She is also the host and producer of a kids' fitness show called Fitkidz. She's a fitness spokesperson for Head 2 Toe Fitness as well, a program geared to helping children and their families learn about and enjoy exercising.

The governor of New Jersey appointed her commissioner of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. She's a board member at both Raritan Valley Community College and Business Partnership of Somerset County, and she's received numerous awards and distinctions for her accomplishments.

But after dominating the track and field scene for more than 28 consecutive years – without missing an indoor or outdoor season – Clark Diggs has shifted her focus from finish lines to her family. She's married to Ronald Diggs, and the couple has a daughter.

"I won't have the opportunity to go to Athens this year, but I am going to the Olympic Trials," she said. "It's tough, but I'm in a stage of my life where I have no option, really. Just sitting back and watching the Olympics is something I've always wanted to do."

For one of the most celebrated track athletes in women's history, just watching will be quite a challenge. But it's Clark Diggs, and no challenge is impossible. T

by Josh Pate

Fellow Lettermen,

At our May board of directors meeting, the Lettermen's Club finalized our vote to support and sponsor the Thornton Center Honor Roll. The Honor Roll is made up of student-athletes who achieve a 3.0 or higher GPA in a semester. The winners will be announced and presented with a plaque (with the T-Club logo on it) at pre-game ceremonies before the UT-Alabama football game Oct. 23. The Lettermen's Club is proud to support not only athletic excellence on the field but also hard work in the classroom.

The annual Jimmy "Cowboy" Hill Lettermen's Golf Tournament was a huge success. A special thank you to tournament director and board member Bobby Gaylor (baseball 1986) for his efforts.

Our Lettermen's Club Breakfasts, in conjunction with the Big Orange Caravan, were well attended. Thanks to all who showed up in Memphis, Chattanooga and Nashville.

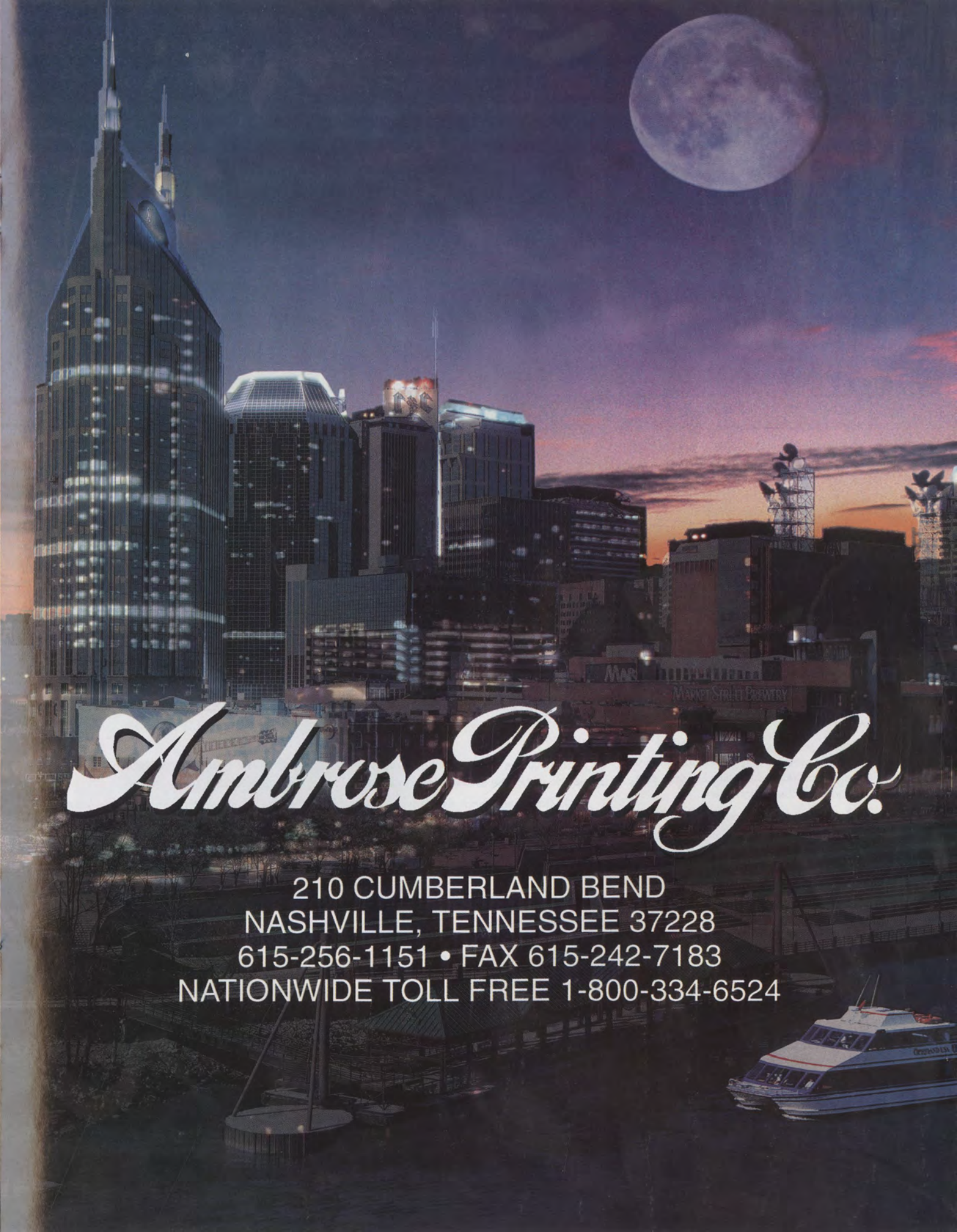
The next big event will be Saturday, June 12, at the home of Keith McCord in Maryville. It is a day for the entire family with lots of activities for the kids and good food. Check out our Web site for further details.

All football lettermen make plans to attend the football reunion the weekend of the 2004 opener vs. UNLV. Each letterman will receive a football jersey and participate in the Vol Walk with the team. More details and a registration form can be found on the Lettermen's Club web site.

Another reminder to keep up to date on all Lettermen's Club happenings by going to our Web site at *www.utsports.com* or *utladyvols.com* and click on the Lettermen's Club icon. Have a great summer.

Go Vols,

Rusty Ensor, President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# VOL NETWORK KEEPS DR. OTIS STEPHENS UP WITH THE GAME

University of Tennessee law professor Dr. Otis H. Stephens is no different than any other Tennessee fan who makes Neyland Stadium such an exciting place on Saturdays in the fall.

Each football season, he and his wife, Mary, or one of his graduate students, get the tailgate together, find the tickets and the headphones, get dressed in something Orange and White and make their way with their friends to Neyland Stadium, as he has most every game the past 27 years or so.

You'll find them high up in Section O at the south end.

"There are a couple of retired guys from the Ag school there," Stephens says, "pretty much the same people every year. They're decent seats.

"They tell me you can see the field well."

There's one important component to this story. Blind much of his life, that hasn't stopped him in the least, not professionally, not in any way.

A native of East Point, Ga., he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Georgia in the late 1950s, growing up hearing the Bulldogs broadcasts pre-Larry Munson through the voice of Ed Thilenius. The coach in those days was Wally Butts.

"I was there during Butts' most unsuccessful years," Stephens said. "He had one winning season out of five. Two years after I left, he won the SEC title with Fran Tarkenton."

Stephens, who taught in the department of political science since the 1960s and had a stint in the arts and sciences dean's office before moving to the law school, is an amazing story in his own right.

After his tenure at Georgia, Stephens earned a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins and a law degree from Tennessee in 1983.

He's been a popular, much-awarded and much-respected professor. He's an alumni distinguished service professor of political science and resident scholar of constitutional law

You'll find him today in a well-decorated Room 378 of the newly-expanded George C. Taylor Law School on Cumberland Avenue. He's a cogent observer of the constitutional law scene, teaching and having written several books on the subject.

In his seat at Neyland Stadium with his headset on, Stephens finds himself in an enviable position relative to his fellow fans.

He observes that he often knows what's happening on the field before his friends around him do, thanks to John Ward and Bill Anderson, initially, and now Bob Kesling, Tim Priest and Jeff Francis.

Many times he tells his friends what's about to happen, based on the Vol Network play-by-play.

The referee then strides to the middle of the field and says what Stephens just said.

"The word description in radio is everything," he says. "It's far better and much more detailed than what you would hear on television. I have an advantage in knowing what happens.

***A law professor weekdays, Otis Stephens turns Vol fan on weekends in the fall.***

"Bob Kesling is very good about setting up the scene. He has a real sense of what's going on.

"I like Tim Priest's analysis. He understands the game and provides important information and evaluation. That's a strong asset. He's pretty good. The same was true with Bill Anderson."

People listening to the game on the radio are very dependent on knowing the scene, Stephens says. "Broadcasters should strive to do what Kesling and Priest do in setting the scene."

There's something special about being in the noisy throng at Neyland Stadium each week, he said.

"The crowd tells you a lot about what's going on," he said. "There are times I like to hear the crowd. I like to take the head set off and hear the crowd reaction, hear people converse about the game.

"The headset allows me to be on a par with the other fans. If I didn't have the headset, I'd have to ask a lot of questions. Having the headset helps me enjoy the games."

He praised Bob Kelsing's work on the Vol Network. He believed he knew him well enough to say he "seems like a nice person."

"You know he's on Tennessee's side, but that doesn't interfere with the broadcast," Stephens said.

He finds Tim Priest an equally cogent observer of what's happening on the field, noting that TIm's playing experience as a Vol from 1968-70 gives him a platform to analyze the game.

We have no way of knowing how many fans there are like Stephens in the expanse of Neyland Stadium or across the coverage area of the Vol Network, but they are there nearly every week hoping for the best for the Vols. Bob Kesling, Tim Priest and Jeff Francis are there to paint the word picture. And what a great picture it is.

by Tom Mattingly

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# LADY VOLS HONORED

## *All Sports Picnic Caps Successful 2003-04 Season In Athletics*

The University of Tennessee Women's Athletics Department honored its teams, student-athletes, staff and volunteers for their athletics, academic and civic excellence at the All-Sports Picnic held at the Tennessee soccer complex. Individuals honored at the function included Carl Hurst (Boost-Her Club President's Award), Chuck and Marion Long (Betsy Roberts/Chi Omega Boost-Her Club Hall of Fame Award), Tim Reese (On-Campus Volunteer of the Year), Nancy Starnes (Off-Campus Volunteer of the Year), senior guard LaToya Davis and junior diver Lauryn McCalley ("No Guts, No Glory" Award), Lauryn McCalley (Marine Corps Collegiate Athletics Leadership Award), golf team captain Jessica Shepley (Howard Aldmon Award for Community Service) and junior rower Marissa Allen (Helen B. Watson Award for highest GPA). The Lady Vol swimming and diving squad also garnered the Community Service Team of the Year accolade.

Boost-Her Club President Award Winner Hurst has been involved with the Lady Vols for several years. This past year, Hurst served as president of the Boost-Her Club and his efforts in the position allowed the club to grow and prosper.

Lacy Manis and Margaret McFarland of Chi Omega presented the Betsy Roberts/Chi Omega Boost-Her Club Hall of Fame Award to the Longs for giving hours of thankless effort and support to the department. The Longs have been two of the Lady Vols' most supportive volunteers for many years. Chuck has served as president of the Boost-Her Club, worked as assistant chairman of the Lady Vol 5k Fund Run and held various jobs within the club itself. Marion has been in charge of the Ways and Means committee for many years and has been responsible for ordering and selling the Lady Vol Boost-Her Club merchandise at all home basketball games. Because of their commitment, the Boost-Her Club has turned thousands of dollars over to the scholarship fund. Chuck and Marion have given countless hours to the Lady Vols and have helped make the program what it is today.

On-Campus Volunteer of the Year Reese has been a vital member of the University of Tennessee since 1981 and is the first and only person to hold the position of facility manager of Thompson-Boling Arena. Reese and his crew work tirelessly to make sure that TBA is open and available to the women's athletics department for a variety of uses throughout the year.

Off-Campus Volunteer of the Year Starnes has been one of the Lady Vols' most supportive volunteers for many years. She has donated her time helping the ticket office with mailings in the spring and the fall. She has helped with ticket renewals in the office, served on several Boost-Her Club committees over the years and currently is serving as treasurer of the Boost-Her Club. For three years, she has been chairperson of the Lady Vol 5k Fund Run. Additionally, she has spent countless hours planning the fund run and securing sponsors.

"No Guts, No Glory" Award Winners Davis and McCalley both exhibited an incredible ability to step up in times of adversity for their respective teams.

Jan. 24, 2004, was a day of mixed emotions for the Lady Vol basketball team. Head coach Pat Summitt's squad had just defeated then top-ranked Duke 72-69 in front of a raucous, sold-out crowd at storied Cameron Indoor Stadium. In the process, however, the team sustained a blow when starting point guard Loree Moore suffered a season-ending injury to her left knee in the second half of the victory. It was clear that if Tennessee was going to reach the Final Four in New Orleans, someone would have to step up. That someone was Davis. Having spent much of the first three-and-a-half years of her Lady Vol career as a reserve, Davis made the most of the opportunity. After being awarded a starting slot on Feb. 8, a position she would not relinquish for the remainder of the season, the Forsyth, Ga., native proceeded to post averages of 9.0 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game en route to helping her team to its record 15th NCAA Final Four and seventh consecutive SEC regular-season championship. Highlighting the senior's final campaign was her performance in NCAA championship play, as she joined teammates Tasha Butts and Shyra Ely on the All-Midwest Regional Tournament Team.

Co-winner McCalley was rolling along through an incredible season in which she had already claimed nine individual event crowns before heading into the NCAA Zone B Championships at the Gabrielsen Natatorium in Athens, Ga. Unfortunately, adversity struck for the All-American when she went into her initial day of practice at the zone meet. During the practice round, McCalley cracked her ribs, an injury that made it extremely painful to twist and turn her upper torso. Regardless, the Moultrie, Ga., product proved her grit and determination by finishing out the rest of the season without publicizing the injury. Not only did she complete the NCAA Zone B Championships meet, she did so as a champion after claiming the 3-meter title to guarantee her place at the NCAA championships in College Station, Texas. She then concluded the season by capturing her fourth and fifth All-America certificates. Her All-America haul of five awards also

***Ashley Robinson signs her name to the list of Lady Vol basketball graduates.***

***Keeley Dowling, soccer***

moved her past former Lady Vol divers Jane Anthony and Jaime Sanger into third for the most-honored orange-clad divers in the program's NCAA meet history.

McCalley earned her second award of the evening by collecting the Marine Corps Collegiate Athletic Leadership Award, which is presented to the student-athlete that most exemplifies selflessness, teamwork and leadership in both the academic and athletic arenas. The Marine Corps thrives on leadership, teamwork and selflessness. Special consideration is granted to candidates whose commitment to excellence helps to elevate the performance of others both on an off campus. McCalley consistently displayed those leadership and academic qualities on and off campus. The award was presented by First Lieutenant Jason Humble and Shawn Tweedell, the Marine Corps Selection Officer for Tennessee.

The Howard Aldmon Award for Community Service is given each year in commemoration of the man who is considered to be the "Father of Women's Athletics" at The University of Tennessee. Dr. Aldmon emphasized service to both the University and the university community. Each year, Lady Volunteers perform more than 1,000 hours of community service. Student-athletes from each sport participate in numerous projects ranging from serving meals to the homeless, to being "celebrity readers" at elementary schools.

Shepley, this year's recipient, has taken time from her schedule and provided service to the Lady Vol golf pen pal program through the Katie Miller Home, the Johnson Group Home and Sarah Moore Green Elementary. Additionally, Shepley has become a Big Sister to a local 8-year old for a full year of companionship. She has also participated in the Lady Vol Fund Run in 2002 and 2003, gave away Thanksgiving baskets at the Center of Hope, provided skill guidance at an LPGA youth golf clinic, participated in the "Take Back the Night" walk for the Sexual Assault Crisis Center, gathered clothing to donate to the Sexual Crisis Assault Center and facilitated the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and her team in aiding the Salvation Army's Stuff-a-Stocking program.

During the 2003-04 academic year, members of the Lady Vol swimming and diving team excelled at being volunteers in every sense of the word. During this past year, the team contributed to the community in several outlets. Some of the events that the swimming and diving team participated in were the Fellowship Church Holiday Basket drive, Race for the Cure, Salvation Army's Stuff-a-Stocking and Lady Vol Fund Run. Other community events included caroling at Shannondale Nursing Home and volunteering at the Dogwood Arts Festival Parade, April Play Day and Camp Rainbow.

Allen captured the Helen B. Watson honor for highest GPA this year. The junior from Hendersonville, Tenn., currently holds a 4.0 grade point average in microbiology.

The event also featured the unveiling of the team nominees for the prestigious Alpha Omicron Pi Athlete of the Year award, to be presented at the conclusion of the spring sports schedule. The following student-athletes were nominated by each of their head coaches: 2003-04 basketball team, Brooke Novak (Cross Country), Violeta Retamoza (Golf), Chelsea Pemberton (Rowing), Keeley Dowling (Soccer), Monica Abbott (Softball), Jacque Fessel (Swimming and Diving), Sabita Maharaj (Tennis), Nicole Cook or Dee Dee Trotter (Track and Field) and Kristen Andre (Volleyball).

***Dee Dee Trotter, track and field***

The women's athletics department also honored all outgoing seniors for their impact on the program as a whole. Each senior received a Lady Volunteer Ring as their four-year letter award. The following graduating seniors were feted for their loyalty to UT: Tasha Butts, LaToya Davis and Ashley Robinson (Basketball), Mary Jan Fernandez and Tai Perry (Golf), Erin Artz, Nicole Bold, Lizzie Brown and Amy McIntosh (Rowing), Nikki Bratta, Marie-Eve Nault, Erica LaShomb, Carie Swibas, Tracy Swibas, Lindsey Wiest and Rhian Wilkinson (Soccer), Angela Brewer, Ellisha Humphrey, Lauren Mattox and Amber Rhinehart (Softball), Taryn Ternent and Kylee Wells (Swimming and Diving), Erin Cohn, Tammy Encina, Majen Immink and Melinda Morrow (Tennis) and Kameisha Bennett, Lindsay Hyatt and Jessica Southers (Track and Field),

The University also announced the Lady Vol Academic Honor Roll at the picnic. A total of 95 scholar-athletes out of 220 total, who put together a grade point average over 3.0, earned a spot on the list: Tye'sha Fluker, Aubrey Guastalli, Dominique Redding, Sidney Spencer and Shanna Zolman (Basketball), Teesha Ash, Holly Cantwell, Golda Johansson, Violeta Retamoza and Jessica Shepley (Golf), Marissa Allen, Erin Artz, Andrea Bagwell, Kaitlin Bargreen, Laura Barton, Nicole Bold, Ashley Butturini, Caitlyn Cleary, McKenzie Craig, Stephanie Davis, Dana Forbes, Kristen Galloway, Briana Gonzales, Hillary Graber, Lindsey Groves, Heather Hill, Lindsay Jones, Olivia Marnell, Amy McCormick, Amy McIntosh, Rory Mohon, Molly Oellerich, Jessica Shreder, Lauren Wells and Stephanie Williams (Rowing), Melissa Amado, Nikki Bratta, Ali Christoph, Ashley Dawes, Sue Flamini, Jenny Jeffers, Kayla Lockaby, Kristin McGrath, Marie-Eve Nault, Emily Redberg, Carie Swibas, Tracy Swibas, Lindsey Wiest, Rhian Wilkinson and Talia Wright (Soccer), Kim Anders, Brittany Bessho, India Chiles, Ashley Cline, Kristi Durant, Lauren Mattox, Amber Rhinehart, Lindsay Schutzler and Cami Small (Softball), Betsy Brockman, Brittany Fulmer, Meghan Keefer, Lauryn McCalley, Abbi Terveer, Megan Tomes, Kylee Wells and Ashley Yeager (Swimming and Diving), Erin Cohn, Blakeley Griffith, Victoria Jones, Breanna Kray, Sabita Maharaj, Melinda Morrow and Ashley Robards (Tennis), Jessica Andrews, Megan Cauble, Nicole Cook, Katie Flaute, Antoinette Gorham, Felicia Guliford, Lindsay Hyatt, Tianna Madison, Carly Matthews, Lindsey McFarland, Jamie Rebella, Jessica Reust, Dee Dee Trotter, Caitlin Ward, Catherine Wright and Rachel Zamata (Track and Field) and Sarah Blum, Jasmine Fullove, Morgan Miltner, Jennifer Rudy and Annie Sadowski (Volleyball).

by Lady Vols Media Relations

# A Look at Dr. Joe Johnson's Impact on UT

To assess the impact of a man's career at any institution of higher learning, the conventional wisdom says start at the beginning with the expectations of the job, i.e. running a statewide university in a state that's wider than it is tall, split by two time zones and divided into three different cultural divisions.

That's a convenient starting point, but, in this case, you need to know more. You have to go straight to the source.

With UT president Dr. Joseph E. Johnson retiring July 1, that's exactly what we did.

When you visit the University of Tennessee's president's office, you are struck immediately by the paintings of presidents past, standing in silent tribute to the history they made when they were in office.

There's Andy Holt, for whom the building was named, resplendent in his trademark Orange jacket, Dr. Edward J. Boling and many others, including one of Dr. Johnson, the university's 19th president (1991-2001) and interim president since August 21, 2003.

Inside the president's office through the windows on the west, the panorama of the imposing campus below reflects the university's growth and development over the past 40 years. As you think back, it's amazing how things developed the way they did. There's one important constant to the whole story.

Not surprisingly, that 40-year figure coincides Dr. Johnson's tenure on campus, with the exception of a few years in Memphis. He was, and is, a significant figure on campus and system-wide during that time. His fingerprints are all over the university's growth and development during that period. When you talk about the university's great leaders, if he's not No. 1, he has to be at least 1A.

When he was named the university's 19th president in 1991, the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* editorialized that "Joe Johnson Deserved It," citing his wealth of experience and service to the university to that time.

In 2004, as he ends his tenure as interim president, with his second retirement and his 71st birthday within his reach, you might say editorially that he was "The Right Man at the Right Time." Twice.

He's one of us, despite his Mt. Vernon, Ala., roots. He has done nearly everything he could to help make this campus and university system better. There's a thoroughfare with his name on it connecting the main campus to the Ag Campus, but, somehow, in some way, Dr. Johnson's career deserves whatever other plaudits we can muster.

"I want to remind everybody," he says, "that in the midst of uncertainty, the University of Tennessee is doing many things better. We're enrolling the best-qualified students. There's more research, which is a compliment to the faculty. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, we're attracting more private funding. The university is strong. I'm optimistic as I look to the future.

"I want people to say that Joe Johnson came, stayed and worked. He was part of the team that helped make things happen."

Talking with Dr. Johnson, you hear the word "passion" a great deal. He talks openly about the need to have a "passionate commitment to UT. and its people" so the university will succeed in the years to come. He has an urgent tone in his voice when he talks about the institution to which he gave much of his life. It's a heartfelt feeling for his acquired alma mater.

**"I'M PROUD OF THE STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO STAY IN SCHOOL, GRADUATE AND BECOME A SUCCESS IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD OF ENDEAVOR. IT SAYS A LOT ABOUT THEM AND SAYS A LOT ABOUT US.'"**

**DR. JOE JOHNSON, INTERIM PRESIDENT 2003-2004**

"If you're going to mean something during your time here, you have to have a passion, for students, faculty, staff, friends and alumni."

He talked in almost wistful tones about the great moments of his time and how this is a better place, despite a rough place or two on the road, ones "which caused heartache for UT and its people."

Not that there aren't challenges on the horizon, not only for his successor Dr. John Petersen, but for all those who love the institution.

"We have to deal with the funding issue," he says. "To move UT forward, we have to have an influx of state money. Higher funding has to be a priority.

"In my view, we have a governor and legislative leaders who understand the importance of higher education. As the economy gets better, I hope they will be willing to put greater resources into the university."

With challenges come successes, and many of the successes that have caught his attention have been in athletics.

"One of the greatest changes," he said, "was the development of a well-rounded women's athletic program. It's an example of great progress."

One by one, he ticked off the facility development that has taken place, much of which he could see out his window.

"There's basketball, track, the new swim center, the baseball park, soccer, softball and the boathouse," he said. "I am delighted we have kept up with infrastructure and have done a good job of staying competitive."

Overall, he said, we have been very successful. "I like the leadership and the vision that has been shown. It's kept us going.

"I'm proud of the student-athletes who stay in school, graduate and become a success in their chosen field of endeavor," he said. "It says a lot about them and says a lot about us."

In that vein, he noted the positive impact of the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center, saying it has "untold value in academic growth and development."

That said, he talked about Tennessee academics and athletics, which he called "truly outstanding." His message to the institution's supporters?

"I urge you to take pride in the University of Tennessee," he said. "Be committed and enthusiastic."

So, what worlds are left to conquer for Dr. Johnson? Where does he go to from here?

"I'll continue to help where I can with the president and his staff," Dr. Johnson said. "I'll work in fund-raising and alumni relations and try to be helpful."

More than that, he said, "I'll do some reading and traveling and spend some time with Ebony Dutchess VI, my black Labrador. And, of course, Pat.

"The University of Tennessee is bigger than any one person. I am delighted that, after nearly a year as interim president, I can take pride in its faculty, staff, students, research and service."

Make no mistake about it. Tennesseans from across the state and wherever they might be can take justifiable pride in the career and accomplishments of Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, whatever hat he might be wearing at the time. T

by Tom Mattingly

## CORPORATE PARTNER HIGHLIGHT. . . .

# TREATING TENNESSEE FANS TO THE BEST: MAYFIELD DAIRY AND TENNESSEE ATHLETICS

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As a Tennessee corporate partner, Mayfield's partnership with Tennessee athletics continues to develop in their support of the Volunteers. Each football season, prior to two games, Mayfield hosts a free product sampling at the Vol Network's "Kickoff Call-In Show" outside of Gate 21 at Neyland Stadium. Fans enjoy Mayfield products at the show while listening to a complete preview of the upcoming game with questions and comments from fans at the show and throughout the country.

"Mayfield is proud of its association with the University of Tennessee and recognizes the strength Volunteer athletics have throughout the state," said Alan Owen, marketing manager for Mayfield. "While you can never assume a transfer of passion from athletic teams to dairy products, we know our alliance with Tennessee has benefited us through unique promotions and merchandising opportunities not previously realized."

Mayfield benefits from a strong presence in video board signage at Thompson-Boling Arena during men's and women's basketball games and radio spots that run during all Vol Network football and Lady Vol basketball broadcasts. Print ads in the football and basketball game day programs also promote Mayfield's partnership with Tennessee athletics.

During basketball season, fans participate in the Mayfield Trivia promotion at both men's and women's games. The Fun Patrol selects a lucky fan to answer the Mayfield Trivia question posted on the arena video board. If the contestant answers the question correctly the row receives a coupon for a gallon of free Mayfield ice cream and if the question is answered incorrectly, the row of fans behind the contestant's row receives the coupon.

"We take great pride in promoting a high quality product like Mayfield," said Steve Early, general manager of the Vol Network. "Having the opportunity to work with a corporate partner with deep Tennessee roots and a strong love for the Volunteers compliments our marketing and promotion efforts very well. The Tennessee Athletic Department recognizes Mayfield for its partnership and generous support of the Volunteers."

***The Mayfield Trivia Question about Vol basketball adds to the excitement around Vol hoops.***

# C.H.A.M.P.S.

## Thornton Athletics Student Life Center

# 2004 Spring Graduates

Sixty-four (64) current University of Tennessee student-athletes, including quarterback C.J. Leak, basketball forward Brandon Crump, Tasha Butts and Ashley Robinson, decathlete Stephen Harris participated in graduation ceremonies at Thompson-Boling Arena.

They were joined by five former student-athletes, enrolled as part of the Renewing Academic Commitment (R.A.C.) program, one designed to assist former student-athletes who return to the university to complete their degrees.

"With this graduating class, we pay tribute not only to the student-athletes of today, but also to those who have come back to the University of Tennessee to earn their degrees," men's athletics director Mike Hamilton said. "This is an outstanding group, one which will do well in their chosen professions in the years to come."

Graduation ceremonies featured U.S. Rep. Zach Wamp (R-Chattanooga) at Thompson-Boling Arena. A reception for the student-athletes and their families was held afterwards in the Lettermen's Room in the arena.

Lauren Mattox, softball and Brian Cleveland, baseball, were each awarded SEC post-graduate scholarships and Jaime Sanger, diving and Evan Nylander, swimming, were each awarded SEC scholar-athlete post-graduate scholarships.

BASEBALL (5)

Brett Chappell, sociology; Patrick Hicklen, sport management; Dusty Johnson, finance; Ben Riley, sport management; and Derek Tharpe, speech communication

BASKETBALL (4)

Tasha Butts, sport management; Brandon Crump, sport management; Jon Higgins, arts & sciences; and Ashley Robinson, public relations.

FOOTBALL (6)

Andrew Crossley, biological sciences; Guillaume Dumont, biological sciences; Troy Fleming, sport management; C.J. Leak, sociology; Brad Sharp, political science; and Frank Taylor, psychology.

GOLF (3)

Ian Parnaby, sport management; Andrew Pratt, sport management; and Brandon Skeen, accounting.

ROWING (4)

Nicole Bold, political science; Elizabeth Brown, communications; Jessica Shreder, political science; and Erin Artz, psychology

SWIMMING AND DIVING (8)

Jason Baxter, accounting; Ben Brink, finance; Michael Burton, College Scholars Program; Jason Dorsey, finance; Katie Melka, sport management; Evan Nylander, public administration; Jaime Sanger, exercise science; and Greg Simpson, marketing

SOCCER (4)

Nikki Bratta, logistics and transportation; Marisha Crowe, sport management; Erica LaShomb, hotel and restaurant administration; and Lindsey Wiest, broadcasting

SOFTBALL (3)

Lauren Mattox, spanish; Amber Rhinehart, sport management; and Stephanie Humphrey, exercise science.

TENNIS (3)

Erin Cohn, broadcasting; Melinda Morrow, history; and Wade Orr, industrial engineering.

TRACK AND FIELD (13)

Rob Cloutier, communications; Rocky Danners, family studies; Brett Frykberg, biological sciences; Stephen Harris, history; Alex Hritcu, interdisciplinary programs; Tim Kelly, geography; Sean Lambert, chemistry; Jason Mandato, working on graduate degree in sport studies; Chandler Rice, sport management; Blake Sabo, sport management; Kevin Yeager, marketing; and Michael Yurcho, working on graduate degree in sport studies.

VOLLEYBALL (3)

Kristen Clements, nursing; Jennifer Elliott, mechanical engineering; and Alex Compeau, biomedical engineering.

SPIRIT SQUADS (8)

Candice Murphy (cheer), Aronica Boyle (cheer), Shelley Godwin (cheer), Joel Rogers (cheer), Lindsey Bailey (dance), Kelley Eidenmuller (dance), Valerie Baxter (dance) and Anna Claire Snyder (dance).

Former Vol players on the graduation list under the Renewing Academic Commitment program are:

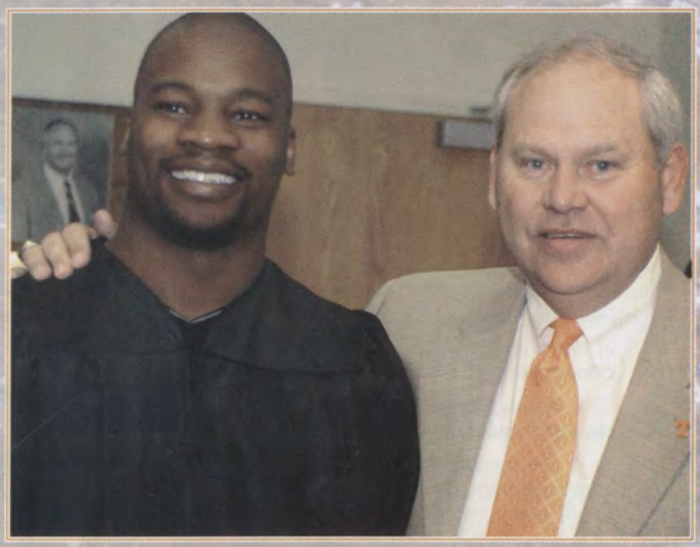
Ben Talley (football 1991-94), urban studies; Steven Marsh (football 1999-2002), sociology; Jay Graham (football 1993-96), psychology; Reggie Coleman (football 1999-01), sociology; and Fred Jenkins (basketball 1983-87), sociology (graduated in December, participated in ceremonies.

***Gradutes (L-R) Steven Marsh, Andrew Crossley, Jay Graham, Troy Fleming, Guillaume Dumont, Ben Talley and Brad Sharp join head coach Phillip Fulmer (center) and Academic Counselor for Football and RAC Program coordinator Dan Carlson (lower left).***

Buzz Peterson with former Vol Fred Jenkins.

Pat Summitt with graduating players Tasha Butts and Ashley Robinson and manager Alison Ford.

Susan Ratliff and assistant coach Joe Hendee join swim graduates Ben Brink, Michael Burton and Jason Baxter



Head coach Phillip Fulmer and former tailback Jay Graham co-captain of the 1996 team

Brett Chappell, baseball

Patrick Hicklen, baseball

Ben Talley with Coach Fulmer

Steven Marsh and son with Coach Fulmer

# COMPLIANCE CORNER

With summer in full swing, we turn this month to the subject of student-athlete employment.

Boosters need to be aware there are NCAA rules pertaining to employment, which if violated, could have a direct effect upon the eligibility of student-athletes.

Here are some specific things to watch out for:

1. A student-athlete may not be hired based on his athletics reputation, nor can their pay be contingent upon their athletics reputation. A student-athlete may not, for example, be hired to sell cars on a lot and the car lot advertise "that we have a S-A on our workforce drop by and see him and buy a car" or "drop by and get an autograph."

2. The student-athlete may not promote or endorse a commercial entity, product and/or service. The student-athlete must receive the going rate other employees receive with the same experience and skill.

3. The student-athlete must be paid for the work performed.

4. The job must be legitimate employment.

5. Transportation may not be provided to the student-athlete by the employer, unless the same transportation is provided to all employees.

Consequences:

With that in mind, here are the consequences for violation of any or all of these rules.

1. The consequences to the student-athlete are a possible loss of eligibility.

2. The consequences to the team could result in loss of scholarships, ban from postseason competition and probation.

3. A major consequence to the university is embarrassment.

4. The consequences to the booster are admonishment, disassociation from the university and personal embarrassment.

The University of Tennessee discusses NCAA rules concerning employment and the repercussions for failing to adhere to these rules with each student-athlete. They understand that, prior to employment, the appropriate paperwork must be completed by the student-athlete and the employer, and approved by the compliance office prior to employment.

If you are going to hire a student-athlete, ask them if they have completed the appropriate paperwork and call the compliance office for approval. This way, we can all work together to ensure that we all are in compliance with the NCAA rules. For more information, please call us at (865) 974-3871.

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# The Last Word

# Former Vols to the Rescue

When a former Vol player is down, his teammates step to the rescue. There's nothing like the bond between guys who dug deep and gave their all for Tennessee, even if it was nearly 40 years ago, and continue to do so today.

This is one of those stories that makes you feel good about athletics and the people who are involved in it. This is a story that makes you proud to be a fan, proud to support the program.

You want a show of tradition and love that permeates the Vol program? This is it.

That was the storyline when former Vol offensive tackle Elliott Gammage (1965-67) and former center Rod Harkleroad (1966) came by the office and said they were going to visit hall of famer and Outland Trophy winner Steve DeLong (1962-64) at Hillcrest North off Tazewell Pike in Knoxville. I went along for the ride.

DeLong, a two-time All-America and 1964 Outland Trophy winner in his time at Tennessee, is recovering from a number of ailments, including a broken neck from a year or so back, and is confined to his quarters at Hillcrest. He is unbowed by his experience. You can give most of the credit for that to his former teammates.

Gammage, who runs a parking garage cleaning service in Duluth, Ga., doing business in the Atlanta area, joins Harkleroad as a regular visitor to DeLong's room, despite Rod also experiencing some severe health problems himself. Watching the three interact was an inspiration.

Gammage says it's a labor of love to go see DeLong. "Steve's more patient under these circumstances than I'd ever be." he said. "It's wonderful to see what Rod's done for Steve. Rod's melted his heart to the point he's glad to see us.

"My old teammate, Mike Price, told me one day that we all needed to stay together and we have. Steve has a wonderful spirit about him. We all have a kinship and love."

DeLong, who turns 61 July 3, seemed to enjoy the visit and talking with (and about) his old teammates. Despite being flat on his back, Steve held court when prompted by one or the other of us to recall some vintage moments of his career.

You will remember that DeLong was a dominating force in the middle for Doug Dickey's first team at Tennessee, playing the nose tackle position like no one else, before or since. He was the linchpin of the Vol defense that gave up only 121 points in 1964 as Dickey began rebuilding the Vol program.

The stories are legendary from those who played against DeLong, players who, try as they might, could not hold their own against him in the trenches. How good was he?

***Elliott Gammage (far right), shown here at the Doug Dickey Golf Invitational for the benefit of the "Play It Smart" program, has done yeoman-like work with his teammates, including Steve DeLong. Shown above are (L-R) former Vol tight end Austin Denney, Rob Stooksberry, Doug Dickey and former Vol wide receiver Mike Price.***

He was good. When the 1965 NFL and AFL drafts were held, there was Steve DeLong right up there with Dick Butkus as one of the top draft choices. That's how good he was.

Steve told of one professional offensive lineman who kept cut blocking him in a long-ago game. In the camaraderie that characterizes life in the trenches in football, DeLong asked him not to and then delivered a forearm shiver that knocked his rival cold.

When he awoke and came back in the game, he asked DeLong why he did it. "I told you not to and you kept on," was DeLong's reply.

Gammage said his experience with Harkleroad did as much for him as visiting Steve. The two contemporaries on campus and the Vol football squad have become fast friends over the years.

"Going to see people is part of his life," Gammage said of Harkleroad.

"It's great for me because I've gotten to know Rod better. This has really been a joy for me."

There they were, three old Vols in a room at a North Knoxville nursing home, recalling the good old times. More than that, they were helping a couple of old friends through some tough times.

Whenever you read that sports in nothing but a business, that there's no room for caring or sentiment, think about a morning at Hillcrest North with Steve DeLong, Elliott Gammage and Rod Harkleroad. That gives you a pretty good measure of sports impacts on peoples lives. It has to make you feel good.

It has been said that sports doesn't build character. It reveals it. Nearly 40 years after they all last wore an orange and white jersey, that statement still holds true.

The greatest moments in sports don't always happen on the field. This was one of them.

by Tom Mattingly

# THE VOL SCOREBOARD

JUNE 2004


## JOHNSON NAMED NSCA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Tennessee returned to the SEC tournament after a two year absence thanks to a series win over Florida. The Vols won in dramatic fashion to get the first two wins of the series with 5-4 and 9-7 wins. The Vols dropped the finale 5-3 and went into the SEC tournament as the No. 8 seed.

Tennessee pitcher Dusty Johnson has been recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) with its annual All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year award. The NSCA, which awarded 186 collegiate athletes from 80 schools with this esteemed award, presents the award in recognition of the athlete's dedication to strength training and conditioning.

"Dusty has exhibited great motivation when it comes to his physical well-being," said Tennessee baseball strength and conditioning coach Brian Gearity. "He has the desire to take care of himself both physically and academically. I was pleased with the way he pushed himself to physical extremes during the workout periods day-in and day-out. Dusty's positive attitude has helped make those around him more competitive and accountable."

Johnson, who has made 12 appearances with one start, is 1-0 with a 3.45 ERA this season for the 15th-ranked Volunteers.

Robert Jursnick, NSCA's executive director adds, "The advantages of strength training and conditioning cannot be denied in collegiate athletics. These student-athletes attest to this understanding and are to be applauded for their hard work and dedication."

The NSCA All-American Athlete of the Year Award program is in its 21st year and is made possible by a grant from Power Systems, Inc., a Knoxville, Tenn., fitness production leader. For a complete list of All-American Strength and Conditioning Athletes, contact the NSCA at ncsa@nsca-lift.org.

## GOLFERS LAND TWO ON ALL-SEC LIST

Tennessee golfers David Skinns and John Scott Rattan have been named to the All-SEC second team. Skinns was named All-SEC for the third time, while this marks Rattan's first honor.

Head coach Jim Kelson is very excited for Skinns and Rattan, who set All-SEC honors as one of their goals at the beginning of the season.

"We are proud and excited for both David and John Scott," Kelson said. "Being named to the All-SEC team was an important goal for both of these players."

Skinns, a junior from Lincoln, England, has competed in 10 tournaments for the Vols this year and leads the team in stroke average with a 72.80. He has three top 10 finishes for the year, coming at the Suntrust Gator Invitational (72-68-70--210) in second, the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions (69-73-70--212) in a tie for ninth and the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship (73-69-76--218) in a tie for ninth. He is second on the team with 12 rounds of par or better.

Rattan, a junior from Montgomery Village, Md., has competed in every tournament for the Vols and stands second in scoring average with a 73.18. He recorded his highest finish as a Vol earlier in the season at the Landfall Tradition, tying for third with a scorecard of 69-71-71--211. He has another top 10 finish at the Bank of Tennessee/Ridges Intercollegiate (69-68-78--215), finishing tied for ninth. Rattan leads the team with 13 rounds of par or better.

"Having two players named to an SEC all-conference team is certainly a noteworthy accomplishment," Kelson said. "David will have an opportunity next year to become only the second golfer in Tennessee history to be a four-time All-SEC performer."

Florida senior Camillo Villegas was named the SEC Golfer of the year, while teammate Jesse Mudd and Brendon Todd of Georgia were voted co-SEC Freshmen of the Year. Buddy Alexander of Florida received coach of the year honors.

The Vols finished the season with an 18th-place finish at the NCAA Regional in New Haven, Conn. freshman Russ Cox fired rounds of 75-73-70--218 to lead the Vols as he finished tied for 29th.

The Lady Vols concluded their season with a 11th-place finish at the NCAA finals in Opelika, Ala., but the story for the Lady Vols was the ace recorded by Teesha Ash (Chattanooga) on the 145-yard No. 17 hole.

It was just the third ace ever recorded the program's history, and oddly enough the last ace was recorded on the very same hole by former Lady Vol Skyli Yamada on May 11, 1996.

## BURNETT AND MUNOZ HEAD LIST OF 2004 CAPTAINS

Seniors Kevin Burnett and Michael Munoz return for another tour as captains of the Tennessee football team, making them the first Vols since J.G. Lowe in 1924-25 to be elected to the position in consecutive years.

Head coach Phillip Fulmer announced results of the team vote, noting that four seniors and a pair of juniors would be handling captains' duties for the second straight year. Joining Burnett and Munoz are seniors Tony Brown and Jason Respert along with juniors Jason Allen and Parys Haralson.

"I'm very proud of our team for the vote of the 2004 captains," Fulmer said. "These six young men represent great character, work ethic and communication skills.

"They will be excellent leaders for the 2004 Tennessee football team and excellent examples for our program."

Lowe served his two seasons as captain under head coach M.B. Banks, who gave way the following year to a young Capt. Robert R. Neyland just beginning what would become a legendary 21-year coaching career.

## VOL HOOPSTERS LAND "MR. KENTUCKY" BASKETBALL PRODUCT

Tennessee basketball coach Buzz Peterson has announced that Chris Lofton has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Tennessee beginning with the 2004-05 season.

"I am extremely excited to have Chris join our program" Peterson said. "He had a tremendous high school career by leading Mason County to the Kentucky state finals in each of the last two seasons. As a junior he had an incredible game to help his team win the state championship. His high school coach, Kelly Wells, did a very good job of teaching him the game of basketball, and he should be prepared to make the transition to college basketball. Chris is very well liked in the community, and we are excited to have him coming to the University of Tennessee."

Lofton, a 6-foot-3 guard from Mason County High School in Maysville, Ky., earned Kentucky's 2004 Mr. Basketball honors following a season in which he over-aged 26.7 points per game in leading Mason County to the state championship game. The leading vote-getter on the Louisville Courier-Journal's All-State team, Lofton led the Royals in scoring, rebounding (7.4 rpg), assists (3.4 apg) and steals (3.2 spg). The sharpshooter made 46.2 percent (353-764) of his 3-point attempts during his career.

The Gatorade Player of the Year and Associated Press Player of the Year for the state of Kentucky, he finished his career with a school record 2,763 points. His 252 points in 10 career state tournament games rank third all-time in state history. He set a state tournament record with nine 3-pointers on his way to a 39-point performance in Mason County's 2003 state championship victory over Ballard High School.

Lofton is the third Mr. Basketball from the state of Kentucky to sign with the Vols. Tennessee's all-time leading scorer, Allan Houston, won the award in 1989 after scoring 2,238 career points at Louisville's Ballard High School. Jermaine Brown won 1991 Mr. Basketball honors in the state after earning MVP honors at the state tournament as a junior and senior for Louisville's Fairdale High School.

## TARANTINO NAMED SEC FRESHMAN DIVER OF THE YEAR

Tennessee freshman Jevon Tarantino has been named the co-winner of the Southeastern Conference Freshman Diver of the Year Award.

Tarantino, from Boca Raton, Fla., won the 1-meter competition at both the 2004 SEC and NCAA championships. He came into his freshman year with high expectations after being a representative on Team USA at the 2001 Goodwill Games.

Tarantino shares the league's freshman diver-of-the-year award with Georgia's Chris Colwill.

Tarantino and junior teammate Phillip Jones will be heading to the U.S. Olympic Trials July 7-14.

## LISA GLENN NAMED SOUTH REGION ROWING COACH OF THE YEAR

Tennessee Lady Vol Head Rowing Coach Lisa Glenn has been named the South Region Coach of the Year by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association. The honor marks the second consecutive season in which Glenn has earned the award.

Glenn, in her sixth season at the helm of the program, has led this year's team to unprecedented success. Highlighting the squad's long list of accomplishments are those of the varsity eight crew, which currently ranks 10th in the USRowing/CRCA Poll and recently earned its second straight invitation to the NCAA Championships. En route to garnering the highest ranking in program history, UT's top boat finished fourth in the Grand Final at the Lexus Sprints and helped the team place second overall in the South Region. During the fall, Coach Glenn's troops had another impressive showing at the world-renowned Head of the Charles Regatta, as the club eight crew was the top collegiate finisher (second place overall) and the championship eight shell finished among the top 10 collegiate competitors (14th place overall).

The Regional Coach of the Year award is intended to recognize a coach who has experienced outstanding success during the season, demonstrated great team improvement from the prior season, fulfilled their team's potential and/or demonstrated a high level of professionalism and integrity as a coach. The other Regional Coaches of the Year are Andy Teitelbaum (Ohio State) in the Central Region, Lori Dauphiny (Princeton University ) in the Mid-Atlantic Region, Liz O'Leary (Harvard-Radcliffe) and Will Porter (Yale University) (tie) in the New England Region and Dave O'Neill (University of California, Berkley) in the West Region.

In other rowing news.

Five members of the Lady Vol rowing team were chosen as All-South Region selections by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association on Monday. Juniors Kaitlin Bargreen and Chelsea Pemberton were named to the All-South Region First Team, while seniors Erin Artz (cox.) and Nicole Bold and junior Andrea Bagwell were tabbed to the second team. Additionally, Artz, Bagwell and Bold were each honored as CRCA National Scholar-Athletes.

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